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Drumcree lights Ulster fuse

Rising violence feared as loyalist marches proceed

David Sharrock and Stuart Millar

NORTHERN Ireland was last night facing a week of rising violence in response to further contentious loyalist marches after the Drumcree parade was forced through a nationalist estate amid bitter recriminations from the Irish taoiseach, Bertie Ahern.

Shots were fired at the RUC in Belfast last night as rioting spread across the province and appeals for calm went unheeded.

A 23-year-old policewoman was last night being treated in hospital for facial injuries after being hit by bullet fragments in Coalisland, County Tyrone.

Today a new flashpoint at the mainly Catholic village of Bellaghy, Co Londonderry, has the potential to provoke more unrest, when Orangemen, accompanied by at least 10 bands, march there.

With violence feeding the deteriorating atmosphere, politicians of all persuasions are sceptical that the all-party talks, which resume tomorrow, can be carried forward to substantive negotiations by September. A renewed IRA ceasefire, the price for Sinn Fein entry, looks even more remote.

The scope for an escalation in the crisis runs into next weekend's July 12 celebrations, when loyalist determination to march through Londonderry, south Belfast's Ormeau Road and other areas will be met with equally determined nationalist resistance.

The dangers were illustrated yesterday on Portadown's Garvaghy Road when the RUC chief constable, Ronnie Flanagan, admitted he had decided to allow 2,000 Orangemen to march because he had to make a "stark choice in terms of balancing two evils — each evil threatened to bring about serious violence".

Mr Flanagan said his intelligence reports indicated that loyalist paramilitaries would attack Catholics if the parade was banned or rerouted. His decision was endorsed by the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, who came in for fierce criticism from nationalists who saw the Drumcree decision as a betrayal.

Rioters hurled missiles at retreating police lines, who returned fire with plastic bullets, after the Portadown Orangemen marched peacefully from Drumcree church down the Garvaghy Road. Twenty-seven people were injured and 12 RUC officers hurt.

In nearby Lurgan, County Armagh, a gang of nine men, at least three of them armed, seized a train on the edge of the nationalist Kilwilkie estate. They stormed through the six carriages ordering passengers off before petrol bombing the train. Northern Ireland Railways said it was a £5 million write-off.

In Newry, County Down, a tanker was hijacked and set on fire and in Dungannon, County Tyrone, an Orange hall burned.

But another potentially contentious Orange parade passed off without serious incident in Pomeroy, Co Tyrone, despite being halted by nationalist residents. In Keady, Co Armagh, Orangemen cancelled a church parade to ease local anger.

Police were last night searching a section of Belfast's Lower Ormeau Road after coming under fire as nationalists gathered for a protest rally.

In the west of the city, 3,000 people cheered the Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, outside an RUC station as he denounced the Government and RUC and told them that nationalists would "never lay down". Mr Adams called for supporters to attend further rallies this week, but appealed for calm and dignified protests.

The taoiseach said the forcing of the Orange parade down Garvaghy Road was "a bad decision ... It is a bad day for all of us."

Mr Ahern said he had conveyed the Irish government's position to Tony Blair. "I think the decision today makes life difficult for everybody. "We have to understand the nationalist position. We have to understand the sense of disappointment they have today. I can well understand their fury."

Ms Mowlam said the chief constable's decision had been taken in order to preserve public safety. "I fully support the action he has had to take, but at the same time this is an outcome that I regret and that neither he nor I wanted.

"It has been dictated by circumstance. I would have preferred it otherwise. Nevertheless I appeal to all in the nationalist community ... Your voice is not ignored. I understand your feelings and I will address them in legislating on the issue. I am only sorry that option was not open to me this summer."

The Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, took part in yesterday's Drumcree church service, but did not join the parade as in previous years. He said that the Orange Order had made every effort to reach a compromise with the town's nationalists. "That was originally a Protestant area. The Protestants have been driven out of it and the Orange Order not going down there is equivalent to saying 'yes we have been driven out'.

"Their attitude is they are not going to be driven out of what is part of their own town."

'Where there is intransigence on both sides, [agreement] becomes impossible. And that is what I have met'
Mo Mowlam, Northern Ireland Secretary

'The choice I had was a simple, stark choice in terms of balancing two evils. Each evil threatened to bring about serious violence'
Ronnie Flanagan, RUC chief constable

'It is a bad day for all of us'
Bertie Ahern, Irish taoiseach

An elderly resident of Garvaghy Road, Portadown, leaves voluntarily as an RUC riot squad moves in to prevent clashes between nationalists and loyalists marchers

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Sampras chases record

Nick Varley
Sports Correspondent

PETE Sampras moved a step closer to becoming the most successful tennis player of all time yesterday when he easily won his fourth Wimbledon title in five years.

The American brushed aside the challenge of unseeded Frenchman Cedric Pioline in straight sets to equal the number of All England titles won by Rod Laver in the 1960s and two other players before the first world war.

Next year he will return to Wimbledon to try to match the record of Bjorn Borg and move into second place in the all-time roll of honour. Only William Renshaw, who won seven titles between 1881 and 1889, would stand above him.

Last night Sampras, aged 25, the world No 1, said he saw no reason why he would not go on winning. "As long as I'm playing well and working hard and staying healthy, there's no reason why I can't play at this level for many years."

Notorious for his single-minded pursuit of success, the recrowned champion said he had been "pumped" by his achievements and even managed a self-deprecating joke to defend attacks on his character. "I know I'm not Dave Letterman when I come to interviews or whatever but the way I am on the court is the way I've been my whole life and it's the way I'll continue to be."

Pete Sampras after winning his fourth Wimbledon title

The most eloquent justification of his approach, however, came on court with the ease in which he defeated the 28-year-old Pioline 6-4 6-2 6-4 in just 94 minutes — exactly the same time as last year's equally one-sided final between Richard Krajicek and Mali-Vai Washington.

After his victory, which earned him £415,000, Sampras was turning his mind to breaking more records, especially that for the total number of Grand Slam victories, which currently stands at 12.

● Australia's cricketers are almost certainly heading for victory in the third Test at Old Trafford — and levelling the six-match series 1-1 — after reducing England to 130 for five yesterday, with 469 the target for victory. Only John Crawley has offered any resistance with an unbeaten 53.

Australia had earlier declared their second innings at 395 for eight, with Steve Waugh becoming the first batsman for 50 years to make a century in each innings of an Ashes match.

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BA strike talks collapse

Flight schedules face serious disruption, airline chiefs warn

Seumas Milne
Labour Editor

THE three-day strike by British Airways cabin crew looks almost certain to go ahead on Wednesday after talks between BA management and the Transport and General Workers Union broke down in acrimony last night.

BA conceded that flight schedules were likely to be seriously disrupted, with only half its inter-continental flights leaving Heathrow and only one in three getting out of Gatwick.

The dispute, over a new pay and conditions package imposed on most cabin crew staff, will pitch BA's Labour-leaning chief executive, Robert Ayling, against the Labour Party's largest union affiliate.

Speaking on the eve of the TGWU's conference in Brighton, the union's general secretary, Bill Morris, said BA "desperately wants a strike and is prepared to incite it no matter what damage is done to the travelling public". He said BA had started recruiting strike-breakers in February, had refused to put its pay and conditions changes to the majority of cabin crew staff, and had refused to release TGWU cabin crew representatives for meetings on the dispute in the past week.

George Ryde, the TGWU's senior aviation officer, revealed last night that BA had refused to provide the union with a copy of the pay and conditions package imposed on all its cabin staff during yesterday's Acas-brokered talks.

BA laid the blame for the breakdown squarely on the union, saying that the TGWU had only been interested in "dragging the discussions backwards".

Mr Ayling said last night it was clear that the TGWU's "irresponsible" cabin crew branch had "no interest in the competitiveness of BA and does not recognise the need for change or modern industrial relations".

The privatised giant is relying on a combination of the BA-fostered breakaway union, Cabin Crew 89, non-union members and its "strike-breaking army" of specially trained managers and agency staff to keep as many flights airborne as possible.

Yesterday's talks, which took place at a hotel near Gatwick and broke down after five hours, were described by the TGWU's chief negotiator, Jack Adams, as a farce.

The union proposed a 12-point formula of alternative ways for BA to make the £42 million savings it is expecting from the disputed package, but the company rejected it outright.

In the absence of a settlement, the TGWU is warning that further stoppages are likely to be called. Cabin crew staff were telephoned at home by managers over the weekend and warned they would be sacked if they backed their union's call for industrial action.

Results of a ballot of catering staff will be known tomorrow in a separate dispute over the sell-off of BA's meals service, which threatens a wider conflict.

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OECD report questions key plank of free-market economic thinking and points up advantages to be gained from collective bargaining

Flexible labour policy no aid to jobs

Larry Elliott
Economics Editor

BRITAIN'S much vaunted flexible labour market locks workers into poorly paid jobs, helps entrench insecurity and has no impact on economic performance, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is expected to announce next week.

In a move which will provide backing for the Government's reforms of the labour market, the economic think tank will report that many UK employees at the bottom of the wages ladder are trapped in a cycle of "low pay or no pay".

Trade unions and ministers are certain to seize on the findings of the influential study, which questions some of the main elements of free-market economic thinking over the past two decades.

Research by the 29-nation OECD will reveal that that there is no link between the level of trade union activity and overall economic performance. It could find no evidence that the existence of unions led to more unemployment or fewer jobs.

Moreover, the OECD found that the lack of unions and the absence of collective bargaining were associated with a higher incidence of poverty pay.

De-unionisation, a less generous welfare state and the fear that the loss of a job may result in a loss of status and salary have meant that Britain's level of job insecurity had remained surprisingly high, despite the fall in official claimant-count unemployment from almost 3 million to little over 1.5 million since late-1992.

Labour market reform was a feature of the 18 years of Conservative rule, with both the Thatcher and Major administrations claiming that deregulation, privatisation, the erosion of employment rights and the scrapping of wages councils had enhanced the job and pay prospects of UK workers.

However, the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, said last week that the economy's underlying rate of growth was unchanged at 2.25 per cent since 1979. He will use the OECD's findings to support his proposals for a radical attack on long-term and youth unemployment, paid for by the windfall tax on the privatised utilities.

Mr Brown has been anxiously monitoring the pound's steady rise towards three German marks over the past few days, and is concerned that sterling's 20 per cent appreciation over the past 12 months will damage industry by making exports more expensive.

But he remains convinced that the Welfare to Work programme will provide the key to solving Britain's long-term unemployment problem.

Government sources said at the weekend that the OECD's authoritative annual Employment Outlook appeared to support the case for a more interventionist strategy. Ministers believe that the findings on the difficulties faced by workers in escaping from low-paid jobs add weight to the argument for the introduction of a minimum wage.

The Chancellor plans to make job creation the theme of the next year's round of summits, when Britain has the chair both of the Group of Seven industrial nations and of the European Union. OECD labour ministers will start the process with a special meeting in October. This will be followed by a G7 jobs summit in London in early 1998, which will feed ideas into the annual gathering of the West's leaders in Birmingham next May.

Ministers believe that it is the over-riding priority of the West to reduce unemployment, which currently stands at 36 million, and to find ways of helping the 20 per cent of workless households.

The OECD has been at the forefront of efforts to tackle unemployment since its wide-ranging jobs study in 1994. Although the think tank has in the past backed structural reforms of labour markets to reduce unemployment, the new report is believed to find no link between deregulation and earnings mobility.

Research showed that over a six-year study period, UK employees who began under the European Union poverty wage threshold stayed there for more than four years on average, a record worse than any other country apart from the US.

BBC backs 20pc pay rise for Birt

Andrew Culf
Media Correspondent

THE BBC yesterday defended an increase of nearly 20 per cent in director general John Birt's pay package, denying it was another example of boardroom greed.

Leaked figures from the BBC's annual report showed Mr Birt's total salary and bonuses rose by £55,000 to £354,000 last year.

The revelation prompted outrage from the main broadcasting union, but the BBC said Mr Birt's salary was "modest" compared with other senior media executives.

The Department of National Heritage — which last month condemned bonuses averaging 40 per cent paid to Camelot's directors — said it was a matter for the BBC and there were no plans to intervene.

Chris Smith, the National Heritage Secretary, is said to be relaxed about the rises at the BBC. Despite misgivings about the level of internal bureaucracy caused by the restructuring of the corporation, Mr Smith has praised Mr Birt and the BBC chairman, Sir Christopher Bland, for creating a forward-looking corporation.

> 'The BBC has a policy across all grades of paying rates necessary to attract and retain people of the right quality. At the most senior level, rates of pay remain modest'
>
> **BBC spokesman**

The annual report, which will be published tomorrow, will reveal the BBC has transformed its debts into a £365 million surplus, with cash from the sale of its transmission services and increased commercial income.

Mr Birt's increase of 18 per cent in 1996-97 — excluding the £44,000 payments made by the BBC to his pension — compares with a 13 per cent rise in 1995-96. The BBC said most of it was performance-related.

Two other senior BBC managers share large salary increases, compared with an average of 3.5 per cent for most of the corporation's staff.

Ron Neil, who was promoted from head of regional broadcasting to chief executive of BBC Production in last June's restructuring, receives a 39 per cent increase to £226,000. Will Wyatt, chief executive of BBC Broadcast, received a 26 per cent rise, to £231,000.

Roger Bolton, general secretary of the technicians' union Bectu, said: "Birt and the other senior BBC management want to be paid private sector rates while working in the public sector."

A BBC spokesman said: "The BBC has a consistent policy across all grades of staff of paying rates necessary to attract and retain people of the right quality in the world's leading broadcasting organisation.

"At most levels we now pay broadly competitive rates. At the most senior level, rates of pay remain modest in comparison with total incentive packages elsewhere in the media industry."

Sam Chisholm, the outgoing chief executive of BSkyB, received a total package of £3.8 million last year, while Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Communications, picked up £727,000.

The BBC said: "A few senior executives have had rises relecting a major increase in their responsibilities but on average they have been much lower than newspaper reports have implied."

The row echoes the controversy surrounding last year's pay increase for Mr Birt. On that occasion, Sir Christopher said the rise was extremely well deserved and praised the director general as being worth every penny.

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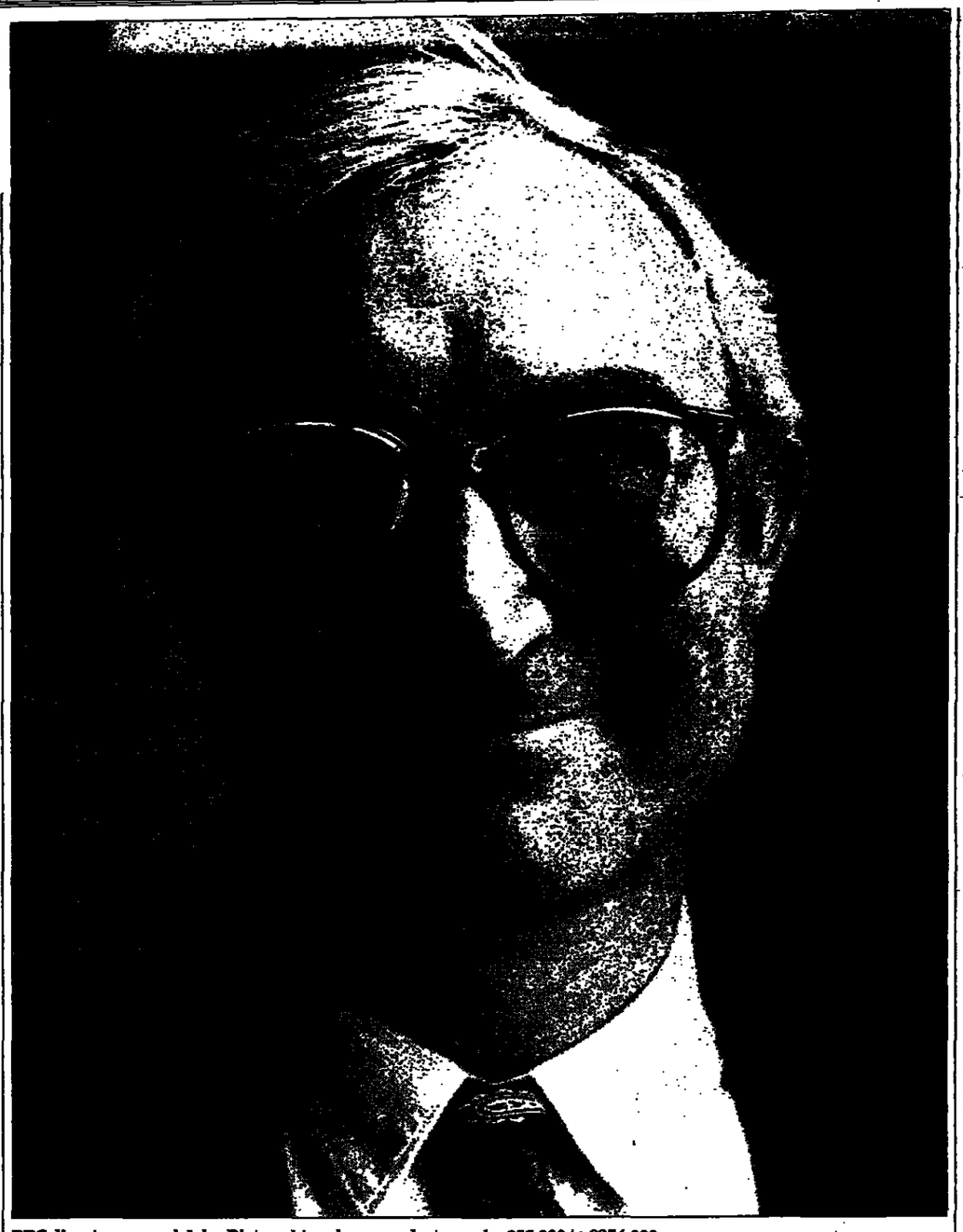
Media's top earners

	Salary*	Total*
Sam Chisholm, chief executive, BSkyB	£625,000	£3,800,000
Michael Green, chairman, Carlton Communications	£470,000	£727,000
Nigel Walmsley, chairman, Carlton Television	£235,000	£264,000
Richard Eyre, managing director, Capital Radio	£290,000	£325,000
Guy Macdonald, executive chairman, Scottish TV	£225,000	£227,800

*Total package includes bonuses and benefits, but excludes company contributions to pensions



BBC director general John Birt . . . his salary rose last year by £55,000 to £354,000

New Lockerbie inquiry in Germany after spy blames Iran

Ian Traynor in Bonn and Ian Black in London

GERMANY has reopened its investigation into the Lockerbie bombing because of allegations — details of which are being withheld from Scottish authorities — by a senior Tehran intelligence defector who blames Iran and not Libya for instigating the 1988 outrage.

The agent's claims contradict the Anglo-American case against two Libyans indicted in Scotland and the United States for the explosion that downed a PanAm jumbo jet over southern Scotland, killing 270 people.

But German investigators are under orders not to give details of the new testimony to those mounting a Lockerbie prosecution in Scotland and the US, according to this morning's edition of the weekly news magazine, Der Spiegel.

Behind the German stance, the magazine says, are long-standing disagreements over the Lockerbie plot and differences between Bonn and Washington on policy towards Iran. It quotes a German investigator as saying that the material would be released only when it had been fully checked, probably in the autumn.

Abolhassem Mesbahi, aged 39, the Iranian intelligence defector who was also an aide to former President Ali Hashemi Rafsanjani, has told German investigators during lengthy debriefings that Iran was behind the terrorist bomb, Der Spiegel reports.

United Nations sanctions were imposed on Libya because of American and British contentions that Tripoli masterminded the attack. But Mr Mesbahi says that Iran ordered and organised the downing of PanAm flight 103 to America from Frankfurt via Heathrow in reprisal for the US downing of a civilian Iranian aircraft five months before the Lockerbie atrocity.

Mr Mesbahi, who fled to Europe from Iran in 1995, is regarded as a credible and senior Iranian source in Germany and elsewhere. He presented explosive testimony in a recent Berlin trial which convicted an Iranian and three Lebanese of terrorist murders on German soil.

The judge, largely because of Mr Mesbahi's evidence, returned a verdict of state terrorism against Iran.

According to Der Spiegel, Mr Mesbahi, living somewhere in Germany under police protection, has alleged that the late Iranian leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, ordered the Lockerbie retaliation after the US vessel, USS Vincennes, shot down an Iranian Airbus with 290 people on board in July 1988.

The Iranian foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, negotiated with the Libyans and the Palestinian terrorist leader, Abu Nidal, on the details of the Lockerbie operation, the magazine reports Mr Mesbahi as alleging.

"The theory that Iran was behind the bomb, we thought that very likely from the outset," said Pam Dix of the Lockerbie relatives' organisation, UK Families Flight 103. She urged the Scottish investigators to demand access to Mr Mesbahi immediately.

Mr Mesbahi alleges that the components for the Lockerbie bomb were smuggled separately from Frankfurt to London by an Iran Air employee at Frankfurt airport. The bomb was then made in London and put on flight 103.

PanAm's flight from Frankfurt to New York stopped at Heathrow where the passengers disembarked from flight 103A and boarded another jumbo, flight 103.

The Scottish investigation maintains that the two Libyans put the suitcase bomb on an Air Malta flight from Malta to Frankfurt where it was checked on to flight 103A and then 103 at Heathrow.

British officials last night declined to comment on the Spiegel story. Any new information should be passed to the Dumfries and Galloway police, the Foreign Office said.

Our Nige makes a pre-emptive strike to steal the thunder

Review

Edward Greenfield

Nigel Kennedy
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

WHO but Nigel Kennedy would think of playing an encore before his performance, as well as after? This concert was officially a grand centenary gala for the record company EMI, but Kennedy's appearance after a long sabbatical stole the thunder, and he responded in kind.

Instead of coming on before the Elgar Violin Concerto with the conductor, Sir Simon Rattle, he arrived alone, and proceeded to address us chummily, introducing his pre-encore, the Prelude from the E major Solo Partita, as he would a pop item: "Some German music to show we're not xenophobic."

Bored with the regular scene of orchestral concerts, Our Nige has for the past few years been playing at more informal events, mixing Bartok and Bach on his own with Hendrix alongside his own jazz trio. This was his first British performance of the Elgar concerto for years, although he has given it several airings abroad, and is about to make a new recording for EMI with, as here, Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

The Bach pre-encore, finely shaded, demonstrated that the Kennedy technique remains untarnished, and the Elgar — arguably the most taxing violin concerto in the repertory and certainly one of the longest — drove the point home.

Kennedy made his first recording of the concerto for EMI in 1984, taking an exceptionally spacious, sober view that belied his youthful manner and appearance. Increasing mastery leads him to be both more fiery and intense in the bravura passages, and even more deeply reflective in the many moments of repose. And he gave us more solo Bach at the end — the opening Adagio of the C major Sonata.

If Kennedy's appearance marked the centre-point of the gala, the rest was just as formidable. As the briefest of starters, Rattle conducted the full Birmingham brass in a resplendent account of the fanfare that Sir William Walton wrote for EMI's 75th birthday, a brazen spin-off from his film music. After that came a new work from Mark-Anthony Turnage, Four-Horned Fandango.

Crowning the gala came more Walton: a performance of Belshazzar's Feast to lift us out of our seats with choral sounds such as I have never heard. We had not only Simon Halsey's splendid CBSO Chorus, but the visiting Cleveland Symphony Chorus — more than 300 voices combined in an ensemble of astonishing precision.

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The siege of Garvaghy Road

The march to violence . . . Members of Portadown Orange Lodge parade down Garvaghy Road after it was cleared of protesters (right) by the security forces, which were greeted with stones and petrol bombs PHOTOGRAPHS IAN WALDIE and SEAN SMITH

Sound meets fury on a road to nowhere

Stuart Millar and David Sharrock

IF THE nationalist community living along the Garvaghy Road went to bed on Friday night feeling a quiet optimism that their campaign was about to bear fruit, the awakening could not have been more rude.

At 2.30am yesterday the uneasy calm was broken by the shrill, continuous note of a residents' coalition siren, alerting locals that the security forces were on the move. The hundreds that piled from their beds into the street were relieved to discover it had been a false alarm. The barbed wire barricades laid around Drumcree parish church by Royal Engineers had reinforced speculation that the police would not force the parade down the road for the third year.

But in the space of an hour, with protesters forming human barricades, scores of RUC Land Rovers sealed each side of the road.

The confrontation, which had been simmering all week, flared into violence. Hundreds of demonstrators threw a barrage of bottles, stones and petrol bombs. The response was swift and brutally effective. Troops fired rubber bullets while 1,000 police officers, in their new military-style fire-proof riot gear, dragged protesters from the road. Thirteen people were injured. Although the authorities continued to insist that a final decision on the parade was yet to be made, the road clearing operation left residents in no doubt that "Drumcree Three" was about to become reality. Community leaders reacted with disbelief. "I'm shattered," said Sister Laura Boyle of the Garvaghy Residents' Coalition.

> 'This proves that the British state treats Catholics like animals'

"I can't believe they would do this to us after what happened the last two years. We just need a breathing space to give this community a break."

Brid Rodgers, a local SDLP councillor, said: "The decision is appalling and the method of its implementation is violent and excessive. Mo Mowlam promised us that the interests of the residents would be considered. If this is them being considered, then I'm going to have to check my dictionary. The police operation swept in here like thieves in the middle of the night."

Others were less restrained. "This just proves that you can never trust what the English bastards tell you," said one woman. "This proves that the British state treats Catholics like animals." Privately, however, some members of the community voiced relief that violence had been minimal compared with last year.

By daybreak, Garvaghy Road was in a state of siege, with locals pinned well back from the parade route. The tense hush which descended was broken only when Breandan MacCionnaith, the residents' coalition leader, confronted RUC Assistant Chief Constable Freddie Hall. "Do you call yourself a man? Does this make you feel like a big man?" he shouted, before being dragged away by police.

> 'The police swept in here like thieves in the middle of the night'

An air of celebration accompanied the Orange parade when it set off from the Portadown District Orange Lodge in the centre of the town shortly after 10am. People lining the streets clapped and cheered as 2,000 Orangemen, accompanied by two accordion bands wound their way out of town on union flag-lined streets to Drumcree Church. "Those are decent men," said a young female spectator. "Not like the sort of riff-raff you get along the Garvaghy Road. These are men who are willing to stand up for their rights and win."

Passing through loyalist estates, marchers were greeted by large hand-painted banners. "There are no nationalist communities in Portadown," proclaimed one. "Only areas temporarily occupied." Fifty yards further on, another read: "One-way traffic — no turning. By order of Portadown Loyalists."

When the parade reached St John's Roman Catholic church, the hymn tunes were replaced by a single drumbeat and only resumed, with the tune The Sabbath Morn, after the marchers were safely past the church.

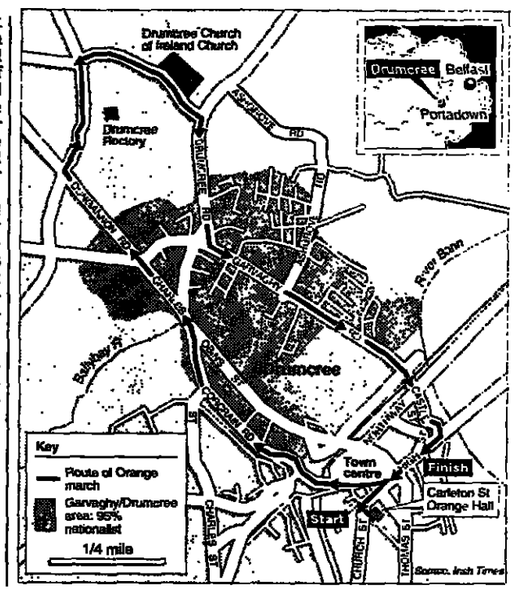
During the service at Drumcree Church, Rev John Pickering told them that local troubles were a microcosm of Northern Ireland's. "I would like to think that Drumcree could be the turning point for Northern Ireland, the place where peace could begin and spread from, to every corner of our country."

But when the parade turned the corner on to the Garvaghy Road, it was greeted by residents blowing tin whistles and banging dustbin lids. But the disciplined parade reached the end of the mile-long road without serious incident.

As it passed through the Orange arch which marks the beginning of the town's loyalist heartland, a crowd of several thousand cheered.

On Garvaghy Road, however, the violence resumed as the RUC and army attempted to withdraw.

By early evening, the road was quiet. But violence flared in nationalist areas across the province.



Double-bind leaves Mowlam exposed

Minister's incautious promise gave only a hostage to fortune

David Sharrock
Ireland Correspondent

THE words of the last RUC chief constable to police the Drumcree affair will have been ringing in Mo Mowlam's ears yesterday: "Damned if I do, damned if I don't."

Months of work and scores of meetings with nationalist residents' groups and Orangemen came to nothing yesterday as the new Northern Ireland Secretary's honeymoon period came to a violent and emotional end on the Garvaghy Road.

It was not so much the fact that the RUC, dressed in flame-resistant boilersuits and balaclavas which made them look like Peruvian paramilitary security forces, had invaded the nationalist enclave of Portadown before sunrise, but the fact that Ms Mowlam had broken her promise to inform the residents first.

The residents' spokesman, Breandan MacCionnaith, vowed never to trust her again and quoted an old Irish saying. "Never trust the smile of an Englishman — well, that also applies to an Englishwoman now," he said.

Yesterday was Ms Mowlam's first real test and while no impartial observer could criticise her personal endeavours to reach a compromise, there can be little doubt that the way in which the decision was taken and implemented has seriously damaged her credibility in nationalist eyes.

The Northern Ireland Secretary is already suffering criticism in Unionist ranks for her decision to meet nationalist residents' groups and authorise the first meeting between her officials and Sinn Fein on the day of the local government elections.

There have been a number of signs since her arrival that Ms Mowlam has at times struggled to master her portfolio, in spite of the amount of time she put into visiting Northern Ireland and making contacts in both camps while in opposition.

Last month she promised that whatever decision was made about Drumcree, it would be announced several days in advance of the parade. This surprised some observers, since it would obviously give whichever side came off the worst sufficient time to organise their resistance.

Ms Mowlam then pledged that she would personally inform the Garvaghy Road residents of the decision, which again caused some consternation because it effectively removed any element of surprise which the security forces might judge beneficial to their operation.

There was also lengthy and unresolved confusion over who would take the final decision, especially since both Ms Mowlam and RUC Chief Constable, Ronnie Flanagan, have given the impression that they expected the other to have the last say. In the event, just as last year, it was the chief constable's call. But while the former Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, made it clear from the start that he considered it a police matter, Ms Mowlam has striven to create a more hands-on image.

Mo Mowlam: credibility damaged with nationalists

This has only compounded the plight in which she now finds herself, since in her comments last Friday it seemed that she was minded to ban the Orange parade. The question that politicans and ordinary people across the community are now asking themselves is: Did she jump or was she pushed? Ms Mowlam did nothing to clarify those questions in a press conference at Stormont yesterday, an hour after Mr Flanagan had briefed the press that his choice had been between "two evils."

She said the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland wanted a sensible accommodation. "I have done my utmost to achieve that, as has the Chief Constable. But where there is intransigence on both sides, that becomes impossible."

Ms Mowlam promised new and better arrangements for dealing with disputes over parades in future years. "I very much regret that the previous government did not take the opportunity it had to put in place improved arrangements for this summer."

Ms Mowlam said the judgment of the Chief Constable was that the public safety of all people in Northern Ireland was better protected by the decision to let the parade go ahead.

"I respect and support his judgment. The law must be upheld, but I want to make clear that the way ahead for the future is a new arrangement designed to ensure that the pain of these events can be put behind us for good."

Many in the nationalist community would be angered by the decision. "It has been dictated by circumstances. I would have preferred it otherwise. Nevertheless I appeal to all in the nationalist community to understand that overall public safety across Northern Ireland has to be the chief constable's main concern.

"Your voice is not ignored. I understand your feelings and I will address them in legislating on the issue. I am only sorry that option was not open to me this summer."

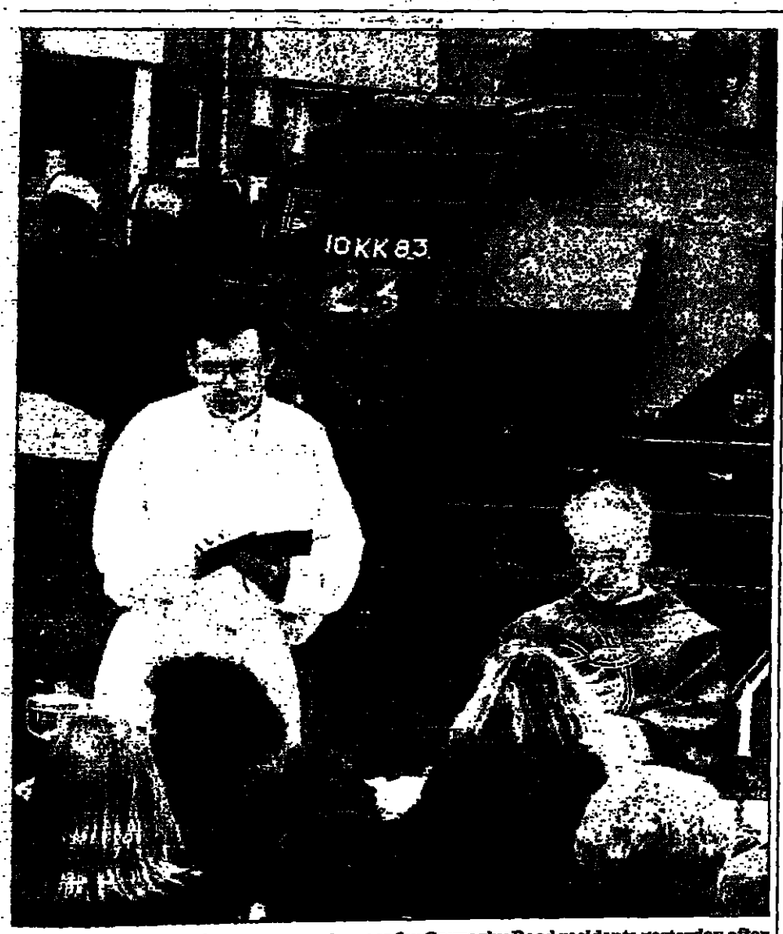
Reacting to Garvaghy residents' accusations she had betrayed them, she insisted: "No one has been betrayed."

However, that was not the feeling among nationalists yesterday. A senior SDLP figure put it succinctly: "She has wrecked any chance there was left of rebuilding the peace process." But reaction away from the Garvaghy Road was more muted.

The logic of yesterday's events suggests that peace in Northern Ireland has a price after all, and when two opposing forces cannot be reconciled, that necessarily involves one side losing out to the other.

Such decisions, however, impinge upon the body politic. The SDLP feel they have been weakened and undermined in their own Catholic areas and therefore less able to cut a deal with moderate Unionists that will stick.

Sinn Fein will complain that it is now all the more difficult to argue for a restoration of the ceasefire by the Provisional IRA. All-party talks in September seem about as substantial as a mirage. It may have been said in the heat of the moment but some senior police officers were already talking about "battening down the hatches" for the next decade.



Fr Michael Woods conducts an open-air mass for Garvaghy Road residents yesterday after security operations prevented their getting to church PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN GILES

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BBC highlights casualty unit fears

'It is based on a real case of medical negligence . . . in line with all QED programmes, rigorous journalistic standards have been applied and the background to the drama has been thoroughly researched'

— Lorraine Heggessy QED editor

A scene from the documentary depicting the alleged inept treatment of a man who died after receiving minor injuries in a motorbike accident

Death row hospital named

David Brindle on documentary covering alleged incompetence over treatment of motorcyclist

A LONDON hospital, the Royal Free, has been identified as the hospital involved in a BBC documentary which portrays *the death of a young man* through alleged incompetence.

Wednesday's edition of the QED series, which specialises in factual science programmes, is billed as a radical departure, presenting "a true story — only the names have been changed".

The aim is to highlight the case for concentrating the care of accident victims in specialist trauma centres. Studies have suggested that casualty units of district general hospitals do not always give patients the care they need.

A report by the British Orthopaedic Association, published to coincide with the programme, says at least 770 preventable deaths from injury occur in hospitals each year.

The drama documentary, Cause of Death, tells the story *of Mark Peters, a 23-year-old* who is admitted to "Riverdale" after coming off his motorbike. He has minor injuries, but alleged inept treatment leads to him suffering a heart attack, falling into a coma and dying when his life support machine is switched off.

His mother subsequently takes an overdose and dies and his father, Ray, embarks on a mission — uncompleted by the programme's end — to out why his son died.

Lorraine Heggessy, editor of QED, said in a statement that the programme did not set out to pillory individual doctors or institutions. "It is based on a real case . . . in line with all QED programmes, rigorous journalistic standards have been applied and the background to the drama has been thoroughly researched."

Lorraine Heggessey: not out to pillory individual doctors

Ms Heggessy has said she became fascinated by the story when a file was sent to her by the dead man's father. In the programme, he is shown writing and distributing reports making allegations against the hospital, published under the imprint Medical-Legal Dispatch.

Last week, hundreds of copies of a document with the imprint M-L D Monitor were sent to health workers, professional groups and coroners' offices, naming the Royal Free in Hampstead, north London, as the hospital in the programme.

The document, headed "BBC Television QED", purports to be a press release. It accuses health professionals of incompetence in the case of Mark Peters and charges officials with fabricating evidence at his inquest.

The case is believed to date back some years. The dead man's father has since pursued all avenues of complaint, including the courts, but has failed to prove his case.

A hospital spokeswoman said: "We have never been asked to co-operate at all and have not been informed about the programme. We have had no contact with the BBC. The first we knew about it was when we were told about the rogue press release."

Controversial programmes

□ **Cathy Come Home: 1966 indictment of homelessness and welfare state directed by Ken Loach for BBC. Labour government said the BBC play should be compulsorily viewing, while councils said it was riddled with blunders.**

□ **Shoot to Kill: Yorkshire's investigation into the RUC killings of six unarmed men in County Armagh in 1990 was banned in Northern Ireland.**

□ ***Who Bombed Birmingham?* Granada's 1990 drama-documentary cast John Hurt as journalist Chris Mullin. The programme added weight to the campaign to reopen case.**

□ **The Life and Death of Philip Knight: Yorkshire told the story of youngest prison suicide in 1993.**

□ **The Dying of the Light: UNICEF aid worker Sean Devereux was killed in Somalia while trying to draw attention to the arms trade. Shown on ITV in 1994.**

□ **Beyond Reason: Dramatised re-enactment of love triangle murder of Penny McAllister made by Carlton in 1995. Slammed for invading privacy.**

□ **Hillsborough: Jimmy McGovern's passionate drama, shown last year, uncovered evidence about why 96 soccer fans died.**

□ **The Place of the Dead: LWT recreated an ill-fated *expedition by British soldiers* to the Borneo jungle, prompting accusations of unfairness to some of the adventurers.**

□ **No Child of Mine: Peter Kosminsky's film for Meridian based on the case of eight-year-old Kerry, who suffered years of sexual abuse.**

□ **Beyond Fear: Channel 5's opening night drama, recreating kidnapping of estate agent Stephanie Slater by Michael Sams.**

Three claim miscarriage on Cardiff murder

Duncan Campbell
Crime Correspondent

THREE young men jailed for life nine years ago are hoping they will become the third high-profile alleged miscarriage of justice case to be reopened within a week.

Lawyers acting for the men believe they now have sufficient new evidence for the case to be referred to the Court of Appeal.

On October 12, 1987, newsagent Philip Saunders was viciously battered with a spade outside his Cardiff home.

The day's takings from his kiosk had been stolen, and five days later he died of his injuries.

At first, the chief suspect was a man seen by a witness in the area.

He was described as 6ft with dark curly hair, wearing a blouson-type jacket. A police reconstruction of the event shortly afterwards used a man of this description to play the part of the suspect hurrying away from the crime.

The three men charged were Darren Hall and Ellis Sherwood, both then aged 18 and petty criminals, and Michael O'Brien, then 19, who had no record.

All three were of slight build and about 5ft 5in tall. They later admitted they had been breaking into cars in the area that night.

No forensic evidence linked them to the crime and they initially denied involvement. But eventually Mr Hall gave a statement saying he had acted as the look-out man and that Mr O'Brien had held Mr Saunders down while he was hit.

His statements to the police were rambling and often incoherent.

At one stage he said: "It's all bullshit."

Mr Hall then gave evidence against the other two and pleaded guilty to manslaughter himself.

His plea was not accepted and all three were jailed for life for murder. The trial judge declared himself satisfied that the jury had decided correctly.Since then the men have worked to reopen their case.

An investigation by the BBC Wales documentary programme, Week In, Week Out, which will be shown nationally tomorrow, has evidence which could cast doubt on the verdicts.

The men's campaign is backed by the South Wales branch of Liberty and the case has gone to the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

One of the key pieces of new evidence is a statement from Mr Hall in prison admitting that he lied in his statements to the police, and in court.

He says he made up the story because he wanted to prove he was somebody.

The statement is seen as significant because he is due for parole shortly and his intervention could interfere with that, suggesting he has not "come to terms with his crime".

Other key witnesses have retracted their statements, one saying that a highly incriminating conversation never took place.

Patrick O'Connor QC, the barrister who is also acting in the Carl Bridgewater case, says he believes there is enough material for the case to go to the Court of Appeal.

Last week, Paul Esslemont was freed, after the quashing of his conviction for the murder of three-year-old Carl Kennedy.

This followed evidence discovered by BBC's Rough Justice programme. Channel 4's Trial and Error programme on Thursday examines the case of Danny McNamee, convicted of the IRA Hyde Park bombing.

Soldiers held in gunshot drama

Vivek Chaudhary

EIGHT teenage soldiers were being questioned by police last night after one of them was seen firing blank rounds in the centre of Darlington, Co Durham, after a drinking binge.

The soldiers were arrested in an operation involving two dozen officers, half of them armed, five dog handlers and a police spotter plane.

Armed officers surrounded a guest house the soldiers were staying in after keeping it under surveillance for almost six hours.

The guest house's fire alarms were then deliberately triggered by police and when the soldiers, who are all based at Catterick barracks in North Yorkshire, emerged they were immediately surrounded by armed officers and ordered to lie spreadeagled before being searched and led away.

Two civilians also staying in the guest house at the time were released after being questioned by police.

A spokesman for Darlington police said a search of the guest house yielded two self-loading automatic pistols and a revolver, all fitted to fire blanks, and 95 rounds of blank 8mm ammunition.

The soldiers, who had all been drinking heavily, were first seen acting rowdily on closed-circuit television cameras in the centre of Darlington. Officers then spotted one of them taking a hangun from the waistband of his trousers and firing at least one round and brandishing it above his head.

Police then followed the soldiers on CCTV and called in the force's spotter plane to track them back to the guest house.

The soldiers are expected to face army disciplinary proceedings once they are released by police.

Supt John Curry of Darlington police said: "The operation was very successful. We triggered the house alarm, which was the preferred option because of the logistical problems of putting officers into a building of that size.

"It was done to minimise the risk to officers, the public and the suspects themselves."

A resident of Swinburne Road, who did not wish to be named said: " It was all very bizarre and definitely a first for Swinburne Road. You could normally hear a pin drop around here.

"The guest house is a respectable place that usually gets a few businessmen and elderly tourists."

The owner of the guest house refused to comment last night.

However, a Darlington police spokesman said two other men were also arrested on suspicion of burglary after being seen leaving a house. They were detected by the police spotter plane as it was tracking the soldiers through the town.

'Hybrid' TV genre under obligation to justify its partiality

Andrew Culf
Media Correspondent

TELEVISION producers making drama documentaries have to negotiate a minefield of ethical guidelines.

The controversial hybrid — taking a real-life event, reconstructing it with actors, and sometimes embellishing it with dramatic licence — has spawned countless headlines. Critics have claimed it deploys the emotional and manipulative power of fiction to convince the audience of the factually unprovable.

Classic programmes, such as Granada's Who Bombed Birmingham? and Hillsborough, about the death of 96 people at the Sheffield football stadium, have had such a strong impact that judicial and legal processes have had to be reopened. Other ventures have been accused of sensationalism and voyeurism.

The Independent Television Commission tightened its code on drama documentaries following a dramatisation of the murder of Penny McAllister in Northern Ireland by the *mistress of her army officer* husband.

Lorraine Heggessey, the editor of QED, would have consulted Producers' Guidelines, the 300-page bible of ethics, before making Cause of Death.

The guide, endorsed by John Birt, the director-general of the BBC as representing the highest standards in broadcasting, says: "When drama realistically portrays living people or contemporary situations in a controversial fashion, it has an obligation to be accurate — to do *justice to the main facts.*

"If the drama strives for a fair, impartial and rounded view of events, no problems arise," the guidelines state.

"If it is an accurate, but nonetheless, partisan and partial portrayal of a controversial issue, the commissioning executive should proceed only if convinced that the insight and excellence of the work justify the platform offered; and that it will be judged honest, thoughtful and stimulating."

Health cuts fear over £5 billion 'hole' in Budget

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

LABOUR has a £5 billion hole in its budget spending plans that will mean severe cuts in education, health and other areas, according to figures released by the Liberal Democrats yesterday.

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, said this makes "an absolute mockery of Gordon Brown's claims to be providing extra money for education and health as most of the extra money will be eaten into by inflation".

Ministers from the education and health departments expressed relief when the Chancellor announced in the Budget he will raid the contingency reserve to provide extra cash: £1.2 billion in 1998/99 for the NHS and £1 billion for schools.

But Liberal Democrat researchers, in a pamphlet called Brown's First Budget: The Truth Is Coming Home, claim there is a huge discrepancy at the heart of the Budget that wipes out this extra spending and, in fact, means every spending department will be much worse off.

Noting that Mr Brown had revised the inflation forecast upwards from 2 per cent to 2.75 per cent, they said this had been applied when calculating revenue coming into the Treasury but not when calculating spending — leaving a massive shortfall.

"This means the real money available for public *spending next year* is actually less than that planned by Ken Clarke, in plans which were viewed as unsustainable at the time. It also means the extra monies announced in the Budget for the NHS and education are largely fictional as they simply offset higher inflation," they said.

The Liberal Democrat claim was backed up by the House of Commons library, an independent source of information, which was asked to check the figures. The library, in a written response, said: "Because of the higher actual and forecast rates of inflation, expenditure in 1997/98 will be some £3 billion lower at 1995/96 prices and expenditure in 1998/99 will be some £5.25 billion lower."

Yesterday, a Treasury spokeswoman said: "We cannot comment until we have seen the pamphlet." However, a Labour spokesman dismissed the claim, saying: "The Liberal Democrats ... are economically illiterate and nobody takes them seriously."

But a source at one of the departments said the Liberal Democrat assesssment appeared to be correct, although they may have exaggerated the size of the hole.

Andrew Dilnot, of the Institute of Fiscal Studies, said he believed the Liberal Democrats were "broadly right". He said on the BBC Radio 4's programme The World This Weekend: "If this new inflation forecast turns out to be correct then the real level of public spending, this year and next year, will be even lower than expected and that will be extending what's already an unprecedentedly very low public spending growth." Mr Bruce called for Mr Brown to make a Commons statement.

The Budget also came under fire from Ken Livingstone, the leftwing Labour MP for Brent East. Writing in the Sunday Telegraph, Mr Livingstone said Mr Brown's first Budget was a tragic lost opportunity to raise taxes to meet Britain's chronic problems of underinvestment.

Funds test for schools

Donald Macleod
Education Correspondent

SCHOOLS will have to show they can improve standards to qualify for a share of new funds for repairs and equipment, a white paper will set out today.

Excellence In Schools will extend Labour's policy of "support plus pressure" into every classroom in England, and set in place unprecedented central government powers over education.

The Government is staking its reputation on tackling the problem of underperformance in inner city schools, outlined in the white paper. Such is *the unprecedented control* given to ministers over what goes on in the classroom, there will be no excuses if standards do not improve.

"We are bringing the levers together in a way that has never been done before to put our schools on a par with the best in the world," a senior Labour source said.

Access to an extra £2.3 billion for education announced in last week's Budget — which included £250 million a year for building repairs and new equipment — *will be dependent on schools* and local authorities setting themselves demanding targets for improvement and securing extra money from private business and industry.

Yesterday Labour sources were *keen to reassure* struggling inner city schools they would not be left behind in the scramble for funds. "We recognise there are going to be some schools where it is going to be difficult. We will take that into account. But all schools should have targets for improvements. We will not be simply allocating money on the basis of past performance," one said.

The new Government is asserting unprecedented control over what goes on in the classroom

Education ministers and officials were unaware until a week ago they were going to get a welcome surprise from the Chancellor Gordon Brown and are still working out the exact terms under which schools will bid for funds.

Local authorities will face the threat of having their crucial powers taken over by the Government if standards fall short of Labour goals.

David Blunkett, Education *and Employment* Secretary, said: "It will be for local authorities to work with schools to set targets, and then to put proposals to us for raising achievement. No one is in any doubt in local authorities they have to deliver the goods.

"If they don't we will take over their responsibilities because children do not get a second chance."

In the same way schools will retain the autonomy given by the Conservative Government's policy of local management but will be well as the content of the national curriculum. Parents will be given extra seats on school governing bodies and local authorities, but will be required to enter into compulsory home/school contracts, with fines for persistent truancy by their children. There will be recommended times for the amount of homework set — 30 minutes for primary pupils and 90 minutes for secondary.

Measures in the white paper will set out a wide range of measures which will include:

□ Cash prizes for the best improving schools to buy books and equipment;

□ Private funding for consortia of schools, for instance, secondaries and fixed feeder primary schools. Pilot schemes are under way;

□ A General Teaching Council to regulate the profession and boost its standing;

□ Rapid removal for retraining of incompetent teachers;

□ An extra parent on each school governing body, giving them a greater say than local authority governors. Large authorities will have an additional two or three parents elected by parent governors on education committees;

□ Exam league tables which *will show schools' performance* against previous best.

More 'silver spoon' judges now than 10 or 30 years ago

Clare Dyer
Legal Correspondent

BRITAIN'S senior judges come from more privileged backgrounds than 30 or even 10 years ago, according to a survey from Labour's research department. But so do Labour prime ministers.

Ten years ago, 70 per cent of judges in the High Court, Appeal Court and House of Lords were the products of public schools. Today the figure is 62 per cent.

When the exercise — effectively a trawl through Who's Who — was first done by the Economist in 1956, the percentage who attended public schools was 76 per cent. A London university researcher who did it in 1974 found 72 per cent.

The latest figures, published in the journal Labour Research, suggest a trend to more state-educated judges from the 1960s to the 1980s, which has since reversed.

The Labour Research survey found 88 per cent of *senior judges went to Oxford* or Cambridge, compared with 80 per cent a decade ago. But an Oxbridge degree is a much less accurate pointer to family affluence than a public school education. However, the revelation that most senior judges share a similar educational background to Tony Blair (Fettes and Oxford) is unlikely to surprise.

What the study does not disclose is that most probably also share his centrist political views, despite owing their appointments to a Conservative Tory Lord Chancellor.

Only seven of 96 High Court judges are women and there are no black senior judges. Critics of the judiciary's narrow base have called for an appointments commission, with representation *from the* public, to open it up to a broader social mix.

Labour Research claimed Labour "is to establish a judicial appointments committee *with lay members*".

But what Lord Irvine, the Lord Chancellor, actually announced recently was: "The Government proposes to consult later this year on the *merits of a judicial* appointments system and whether it should be established."

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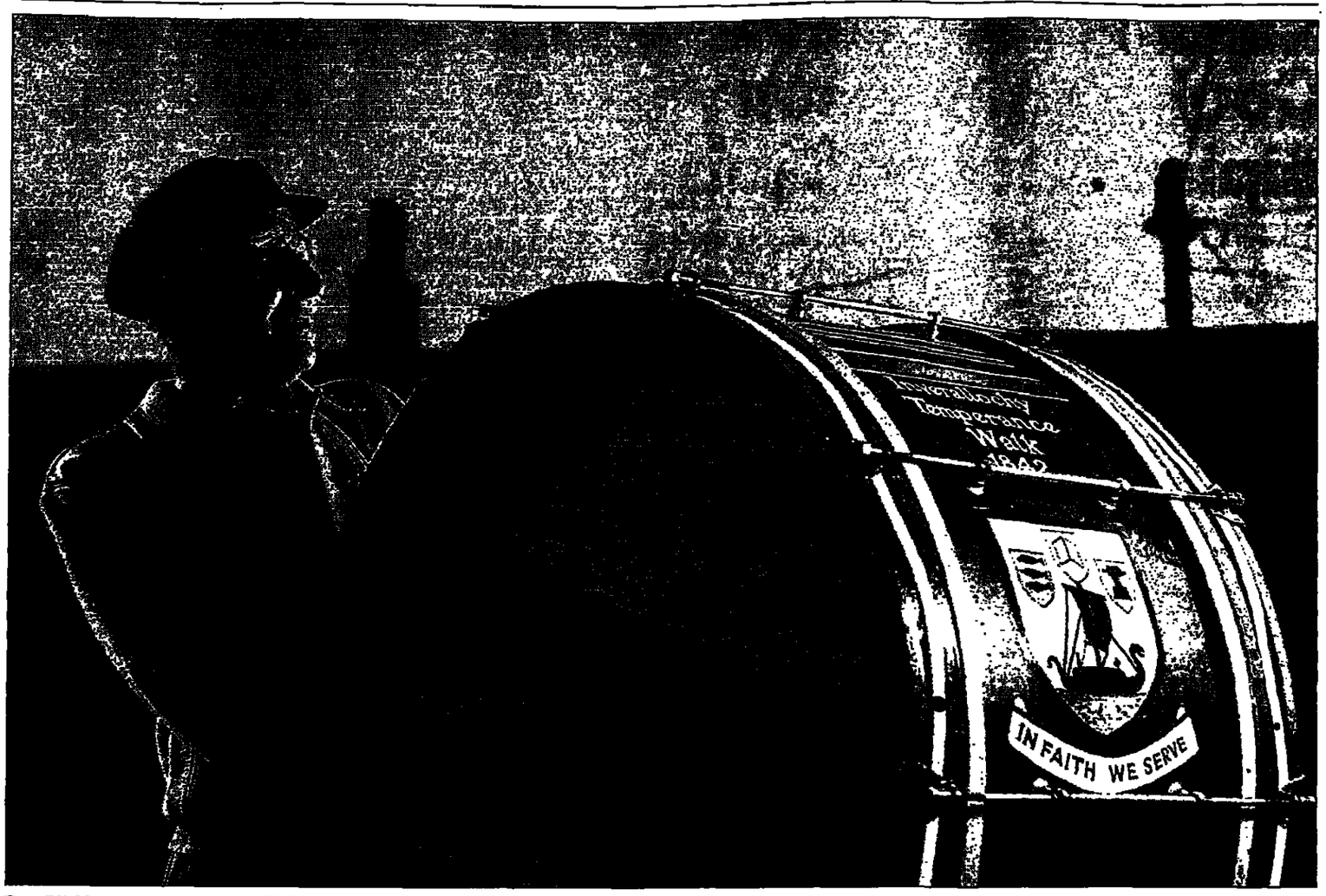

New Puritans gather to ward off 'ungodly products'

Erlend Clouston on a quest for spartan life

Evan Ritchie, with the Temperance Walk's drum, who opposes sales of alcohol in Cairnbulg and Inverallochy and (left) the Spar shop at the heart of the furore PHOTOGRAPHS: MURDO MacLEOD

BOB Stephen, a spry septuagenarian artist, philosopher, pharmacist and retired teacher, thrusts out a leaflet. Issued by the New Puritans of Stirling, it presents 10 commandments for modern disciples.

Mr Stephen's finger wavers over No 9: "Organise a boycott of companies which promulgate ungodly behaviour or market ungodly products!"

A few hundred yards away in the Cairnbulg grocery store the issue is four rows of lager, beer, wine and whisky which would look paltry elsewhere. But in Cairnbulg, four miles south-east of Fraserburgh on Scotland's north-east coast, they have acquired the proportions of Oliver Reed's cellar. For the first time in more than a century, Cairnbulg and neighbouring Inverallochy have an official source of alcohol.

To traditionalists the actions of Spar owner Tom Butters is an affront. "The hand that reaches for the alcopop is the hand that reaches for drugs," warns Mr Stephen. His suspicions are shared by 343 other abstainers who this spring signed a petition denouncing the newly-arrived Mr Butters' business initiative. Aberdeenshire authorities ignored this when granting Mr Butters his licence last month, but objectors hope a boycott might force him back into line.

"If 100 families cut back by £10 a week that's £1,000, and I don't think any small shop could lose that," calculates Mr Stephen.

The anti-drink campaign stretches back to the 19th century when prohibitionists targeted coastal communities prospering on the proceeds of a herring boom. Cairnbulg/Inverallochy, separated by a stream that is now a small road, were particulary receptive to a project that reduced the risk of fishermen sailing on to rocks.

Every Christmas Day 50 couples still parade for three miles behind a flute band to demonstrate their disdain for the demon drink.

"The village was fine as it was, I am disappointed that this is happening," said Temperance Walk secretary, Evan Ritchie, huddling in the doorway of one of the squat stone cottages which protect residents from their bitter climate.

The community council has taken a studiedly neutral stance on the controversy. "Whichever way we voted, we'd be in trouble," acknowledged secretary Alex Shand.

At the Spar grocery Mr Butters denied that his new products would plunge customers into decadence and/or rags. "It is not as if some people don't drink here already," said the former prison officer, who collected 189 signatures in favour of the new line. "If they have a boycott they'll have to go to the Fraserburgh Fine Fare, and it sells drinks too."

Woman 'raped and bullied in Territorial Army job'

Clare Dyer
Legal Correspondent

A WOMAN who has been unable to work through depression since a three-year stint in the Territorial Army will claim today that soldiers and officers waged a campaign of institutionalised bullying and harassment against her, including being raped by an officer.

The case is the first sexual harassment claim against the part-time army reserve force, but the third alleging sustained abuse and bullying in male-dominated military environments to go to tribunals in the last five months.

In the other two cases, wrens who suffered psychological trauma as a result of continual jibes, taunts and assaults on board navy ships won substantial out of court settlements after filing complaints with tribunals.

Alison Owen, who became so ill she had to be airlifted off the ship by helicopter and spent a month in a psychiatric hospital, won £35,000 last month. Last February Lesley Morris, who took an overdose of paracetamol, won a payout of more than £65,000.

The allegations in the latest case, which starts at the London North industrial tribunal today, are similar. But the 35-year-old woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, also claims she was raped by a TA officer at his home.

The woman, from north London, joined the TA in 1992. She has not had a job since she left in September 1995, and psychiatrists say she is incapable of work at present. She has been diagnosed as suffering from moderately severe depression, which needs treatment.

In a claim backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission, she alleges that from the time of joining it was made clear to her that she was not welcome in the overwhelmingly male group. She claims she was ostracised and suffered obscene taunts about her underwear, her sexuality and sexual practices.

On one occasion, she claims, she was picked up and manhandled by a group of soldiers. Another time a soldier took out his penis in front of her while an officer was present and waved it about. On another occasion she was pelted with pennies while standing in a field in the rain. At a party she was subjected to crude gestures by a soldier with cocktail sausages.

She did not report the alleged rape to police. Her solicitor, Caroline Bates, said: "By that stage the psychiatric evidence is that she had almost come to accept that behaviour as normal. She had no self confidence, started to think being abused was normal and took a lot of guilt on herself."

Ms Bates said the woman endured the abuse for three years because "she kept thinking if she got through this, the men would accept her". She left when she was about to take a test which could lead to promotion, and an officer told her she had no chance of being promoted.

The army denies some of the incidents, and denies responsibility for others. Where it admits the incidents it claims the woman played along with them.

Some of the 24 witnesses the army is expected to call during the 10-day hearing have given statements saying that foul language and games of a vaguely sexual nature are considered acceptable in the services. The army is not calling the officer accused of rape to give evidence.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "The army is an equal opportunities employer and takes any question of sexual harassment seriously."

'Subtle' racism blocking chances of promotion, says TUC

Gary Younge

RACISM is rife in the workplace, with almost one in three black workers experiencing racial abuse, but more than half of the largest firms having no way to deal with it, according to the Trades Union Congress.

Callers to a TUC telephone hotline open last week, said that, at work, they had been verbally abused and overlooked for promotion. They felt they faced a greater likelihood of being disciplined and given fewer opportunities to work overtime than their white colleagues.

"Many callers said that when they complained to management about racism, they were told to make a better effort to 'fit in'," said the TUC's race equality officer Kamaljeet Jandu.

On the hotline, set up as part of the TUC's Unite Against Racism campaign, one man from the Midlands said he was regularly handed racist literature from a colleague. A female PA said she was verbally abused by her boss in front of her clients.

Mr Jandu said that discrimination was subtle. "It seems that much of it is becoming far more institutionalised and sophisticated."

On average, black full-time workers are paid 5 per cent less than white workers and are disproportionately likely to be in low-paying jobs, finds the TUC. Mr Jandu added that discrimination kept people out of work — blacks are 2.5 times more likely to be unemployed than whites.

An asymmetrical leather-like creation from Italian designer Gianni Versace's 'gothic-influenced' autumn and winter collection shown in Paris yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: PIERRE VERDY

Critics bemoan haute couture's gothic low point

Susannah Barron in Paris and Sarah Boseley

THE traditional image of haute couture was displaced by the ghoulish and macabre yesterday when Gianni Versace's gothic-influenced collection kicked off the Paris shows.

Models with ghostly pale faces, black eye shadow and blood-red lips modelled a mainly black dresses decorated with crucifixes and thick black collars with crucifix pendants.

Naomi Campbell was back on the catwalk, appearing as a bride in a silver chain-mail mini-dress decorated with crucifixes and a rhinestone cross on the back of her veil.

There were more tales of the macabre when word got round that Givenchy's British designer, Alexander McQueen, intended to use human teeth, bones and assorted "body parts" in his second couture collection to be shown later today.

But some sections of the Parisian haute couture world have been unamused by McQueen and his predecessor John Galliano, also British and now with Dior. Earlier this year Yves Saint-Laurent attacked the pair's summer collections as a "ridiculous spectacle which would be better placed on a concert stage".

Although the venue for today's Givenchy show, the Université René Descartes medical school, promised a ghoulish ambience, the fashion house denied as "ridiculous" the rumour that human remains would grace McQueen's collection.

Alexander McQueen: denial

It's all a far cry from traditional notions of haute couture, but with only 2,000 couture customers left in the world — there were 200,000 in 1943 — and prices starting at £10,000, there is a dwindling market and the couture shows have been used to enhance the image of fashion houses, whose profits rely on fragrance sales.

Now they have been forced to employ headline-grabbing tactics such as appointing controversial designers like McQueen to revive interest in an industry whose future seems far from rosy.

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Plans to make an outsider ambassador falter

Cook to name top diplomat for US job

Ian Black
Diplomatic Editor

ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Secretary, plans to appoint one of Britain's top professional diplomats as the next ambassador in Washington, despite suggestions that the job might go to an outside candidate.

Jeremy Greenstock, the Foreign Office's political director, has emerged as the frontrunner to head Britain's *most important embassy*, according to sources.

The position is vacant from September, when the incumbent, Sir John Kerr, returns to London to head the diplomatic service.

Before the British election, Labour promised to appoint businessmen as ambassadors in countries with strategic market opportunities. There has also been speculation that a high-profile outsider might *fill the US post*.

Names circulating include Tina Brown, the editor of the New Yorker, banker Sir Dennis Weatherstone, and millionaire businessman Richard Branson.

But Mr Cook now believes that the job requires a professional insider. "The importance of the US as an ally will take precedence over America as a market," he said recently.

Tony Blair, who has the last word on senior appointments, has yet to make up his mind, but the Prime Minister is thought likely to go along with Mr Cook's recommendation and the clear preference of the Diplomatic Service.

Mr Blair will be relying on the advice of his chief of staff, Jonathan Powell, a former diplomat who worked at the Washington embassy when

> The importance of the US as an ally takes precedence over the market

Bill Clinton was elected president.

Mr Greenstock, aged 53, is the quintessential Foreign Office insider. As political director, he has played a key role in co-ordinating Anglo-American positions and smoothing over trade policy disputes. He also served as number two in Washington during the worst period of inter-allied disputes over Bosnia — likely to be a preoccupation in the next year as the US insists on meeting its June 1998 deadline for withdrawing troops in the face of British objections.

Although relations with the European Union have improved, the Washington embassy remains the most important job in British diplomacy, especially at a time of adjustment to a new government.

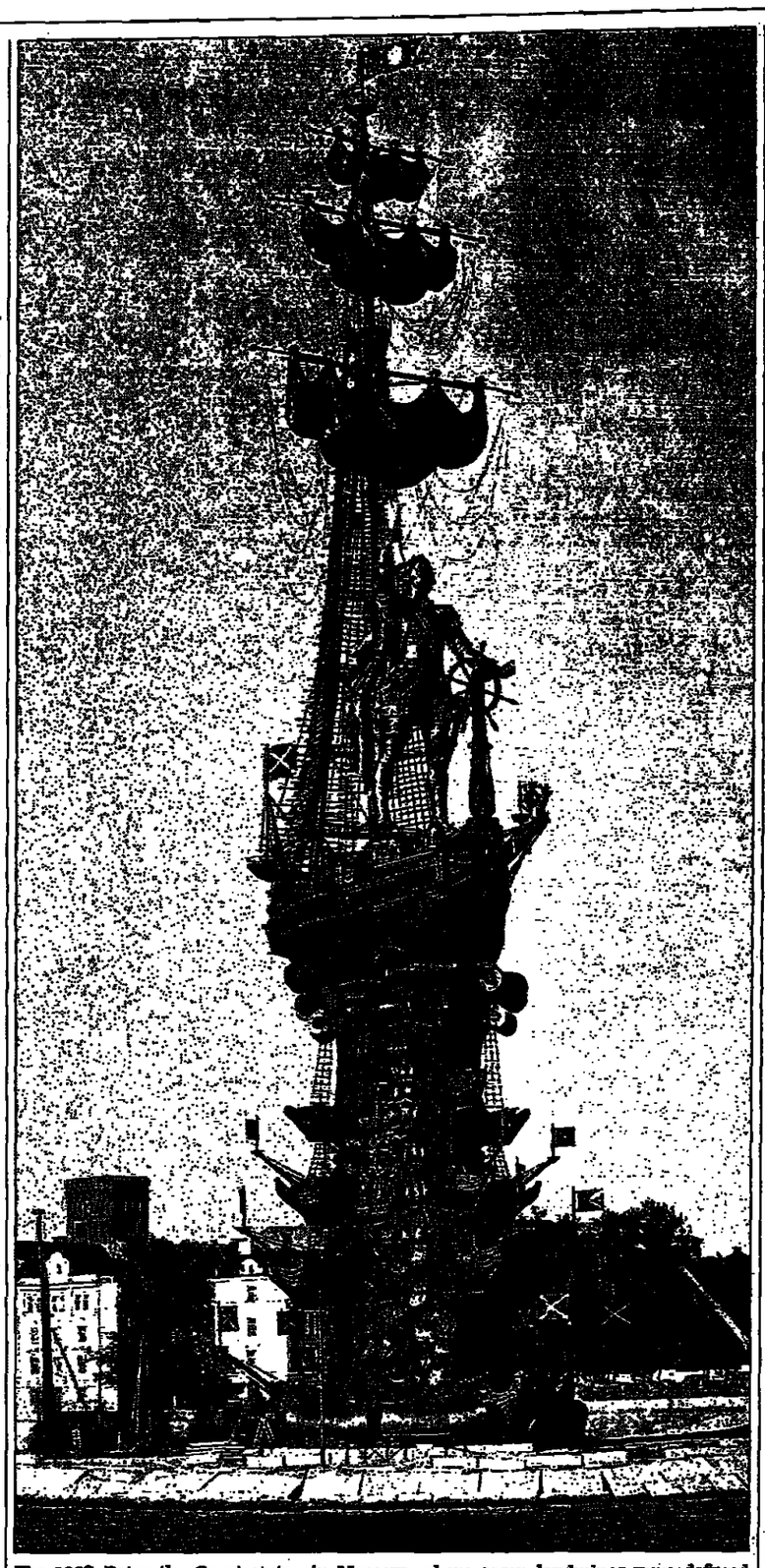
Despite the honeymoon between Mr Blair and President Clinton, strong US support on Northern Ireland, and common approaches on Hong Kong and Iraq, there have been some creaks.

American diplomats were furious at remarks made by Mr Cook at the Earth Summit review conference in New York last month, when he accused Americans of being dangerously addicted to a gas-guzzling culture that made it impossible to decrease carbon dioxide emissions.

Mr Blair also took a tough line on the environment, but was careful to restrict his criticism to unnamed "*leading industrial nations*".

Labour's hopes of shaking up the Foreign Office have met internal resistance to appointing businessmen as ambassadors.

In the late 1970s there was uproar when the Labour prime minister, James Callaghan, replaced the incumbent ambassador with his son-in-law, the journalist Peter Jay.



The 196ft Peter the Great statue in Moscow, where seven landmines were defused yesterday after being planted by a group objecting to plans to remove Lenin's body from Red Square for burial. There was scepticism over whether the group, the Revolutionary Military Council of the Russian Federation, was communist PHOTOGRAPH: SERGEI CHIRIKOV

Tiny Tiina brings glory to ancient Finnish tradition

Wife-carrying is becoming a serious sport. **Jon Henley** *reports from* Sinkajarvi

THE announcer boomed: "Ladies and gentlemen, newspaper readers everywhere, television viewers from Australia to South Africa, Internet surfers wherever you may be: couple number 30, three times national champions, reigning world champions, the world record holders — Tiina and Jouni Jussila."

To a roar from 5,500 spectators packed into the grounds of the *Sonkajarvi* village school, the couple sped off. Tiina held tightly to her husband's shoulders as he raced down the straight and plunged into the water jump.

There was a collective gasp when Mr Jussila stumbled, and loud applause as the couple recovered. Galloping up the hill and around the vicious hairpin, they dodged television cameramen and cleared two timber hurdles before collapsing across the finish line.

Mr and Mrs Jussila, both aged 29, had no intention of losing the sixth annual World Wife-Carrying Championship to rivals who included *Estonians*, Germans, Swiss, as well as Finns.

They won. The clock showed one minute, five seconds — more than a second faster than their previous world record.

"I think they are very hard to beat," said Atle Rouning, from Telemark in southern Norway, who finished third in his second contest, despite experimenting with a fireman's lift rather than the more conventional piggy-back. "She's too damn small, and he's too damn fit," he said of the winning couple.

The annual contest has brought fame to this remote lakeland village beyond the wildest imaginings of its isolated inhabitants.

"We've had enquiries from Holland, Norway and America," the organiser, Eero Pitkanen, said. "I don't think there's any reason why this shouldn't eventually become an Olympic sport."

Ranked with boot-throwing, sand-skiing, marsh-wading, cow-calling and mosquito-killing as a highlight of the short Finnish summer, wife-carrying is rooted in local legend.

Two hundred years ago, a brigand named Ronkainen the Robber set would-be gang members the task of carrying a heavy sack or a live swine over a similar obstacle course. Even earlier, *forest-dwelling Finns* allegedly made a practice of stealing each others' wives.

Today, the woman need not be a wife, but she must be at least 17, and willing. She must also wear a crash-helmet.

Couples race — for a prize of her weight in beer — two at a time through a throng of visitors to the summer fair, staggering past stalls

> 'The woman has to ride you right. It's like a motorcycle and a sidecar'

selling grilled sausages, honey, fresh-fried pancakes, and sauna soap. But wife-carrying is becoming a serious sport. Where once the women wore fancy-dress and flogged their men *with birch twigs, they now* wear lycra suits and train before the competition. The women are getting smaller, the men leaner.

The consensus among the spectators is that size is important, but technique is key. "Obviously it helps if your wife weighs seven stone, like Tiina," said villager Olavi Keskinen, aged 63. "But she has to ride you right — it's like a motorbike and a sidecar."

Mr Jussila agreed: "The rhythm is everything. She can't just sit there, she has to adjust her weight constantly."

But Tiina had a less technical explanation. "The man needs a strong back, and strong legs," she said. "But the most important thing is that the woman must not laugh. If she starts laughing, then it's all over."

Nato's chosen recruits prove unfit for service

Hungary and the Czech Republic, due to join the alliance tomorrow, have been secretly assessed as incompetent, writes defence correspondent **David Fairhall**

IF membership of Nato were based on military competence, the alliance would be inviting Romania and Slovenia to join it at tomorrow's Madrid summit instead of Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The alliance's military assessments uphold Poland's candidacy — with reservations — but are critical of the other two countries making up the first group of east European members.

Hungary and the Czech Republic have been condemned as "thoroughly incompetent" in Nato's confidential military assessment. "If it was just a question of military competence," said one senior Nato source, "we'd be taking the Poles, the Romanians, and probably the Slovenians."

Contrary to declarations by Western political leaders that new members must contribute to the alliance's security as well as benefit from it, it will take many years to transform remnants of the former Soviet-led forces into effective Nato units.

The best the apathetic Czech and Hungarian forces could currently manage is a couple of battalions apiece and a handful of fighter aircraft.

The Polish army, with a proud military tradition, could do a lot better than that. But like its Czech and Hungarian counterparts, it still suffers from decades of enforced subservience to the former Warsaw Pact's Soviet-dominated command structure.

Barracks and airfields are in the wrong places, laid out to defend against Nato attack or support an invasion of Western Europe. Warsaw Pact armies became bloated with middle-ranking officers but desperately short of non-commissioned officers, the experienced sergeants and corporals who form the backbone of Nato units.

In the Czech army, colonels outnumber all other ranks — thousands of redundant officers whose main concern is economic survival. As one Nato official put it: "The only other job they're likely to get is as a hospital porter." Czech pilots may get as little as 15 hours flying a year, insufficient for operational efficiency but essential to qualify for extra flying pay.

All this makes the radical reform that all three countries' armed forces need extremely difficult. Token moves to demonstrate democratic control of the armed forces by putting civilians at

the head of their defence ministries have not addressed the underlying problems.

Cash to pay off redundant officers, relocate bases and purchase Nato-compatible equipment is in short supply, and much of what there is may well be squandered on new combat aircraft and other expensive kit Western arms manufacturers are rushing to sell.

The Czech Republic's defence budget is down to 1.2 per cent of national income and falling, but since it has assumed for some time that it would be accepted for membership of Nato, there was little incentive to spend more. In Hungary there is talk of boosting military expenditure, but Nato insiders are sceptical. Poland has armed forces numerically larger than Britain's — albeit containing a large proportion of conscripts — but a defence budget the size of Denmark's.

From Nato's point of view, the immediate military requirements of enlargement are modest. There is no prospect, for instance, of British squaddies suddenly finding themselves based in Krakow instead of Munchen Gladbach — though they may take part in exercises on former Soviet tank ranges in western Poland.

The only parts of Nato's infrastructure which must be physically extended across the new members' territory are the air defence system, its radar, and fuel pipelines.

The permanent stationing of Nato units or nuclear weapons in the new territories has been ruled out in deference to Russian anxieties.

Apart from training interpreters, which is going much slower than Nato hoped, a minimum standard of what the military call "inter-operability" depends mainly on having compatible radio equipment and communications procedures — the sort of things the East Europeans have been sorting out while working at Nato headquarters in Bosnia.

The real culture shock for officers brought up under the Warsaw Pact will be the political in-fighting that characterises Nato's innumerable committees, and discovering that no-one in Brussels has time to do their thinking for them in the way their Russian comrades always did.

● Opposing views on Nato expansion were aired by ministers in Germany, whose position could be decisive at the Madrid summit.

The defence minister, Volker Ruehe, said the first wave of new entrants should be limited to three.

"There are not five but 12 states wanting to enter Nato and there is no way we could take in all 12 at once," Mr Ruehe said. "That is why I favour starting with a small group."

But the foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, said the German government could support expansion to include four or five new members.

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Popping corks mark start of bull run festival

AP in Pamplona

THOUSANDS of revellers sprayed champagne, cheered and swayed shoulder to shoulder yesterday as a rocket signalled the start of Pamplona's San Fermin festival, the highlights of which are the daily bull runs.

The Spanish town's mayor, Javier Chorraut, lit the small rocket from the balcony of the town hall and announced the nine-day festival's opening in Spanish and Basque.

The crowd, mainly young people dressed in traditional white shirts with red kerchief and white trousers belted by a red sash erupted in applause.

The partying usually continues through the night and today will be the first of the bull runs, in which hundreds of festival-goers dodge six black bulls as they run down narrow cobbled streets to the bullring.

At least 13 people have been killed this century in the bull runs, which originated in 1591.

Tens of thousands of tourists converge on the celebration.

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Phnom Penh conflict

Citizens flee fight for capital

Residents of Phnom Penh escape fighting in the Cambodian capital, carrying their belongings along the airport road. *Smoke filled the sky from an oil depot shelled by troops of the two rival prime ministers* PHOTOGRAPH: RICHARD VOGEL

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Phnom Penh

TALL plumes of smoke rising over Phnom Penh amid sustained explosions of rockets and shells testified to the *punishment inflicted* on the Cambodian capital and its frightened population yesterday by the armies of its two rival prime ministers.

An oil depot and garment factory on the outskirts of Phnom Penh appeared to have been hit by shell fire early in the day, sending a pall of smoke over the city as troops commanded by the second prime minister, Hun Sen, tried to crush forces loyal to the first prime minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, and his royalist party Funcinpec.

In the maze of mud streets, it was impossible to tell if either side had the advantage

The fighting erupted on Saturday when Hun Sen unleashed an operation which he claimed was meant to stabilise Cambodia by mopping up illicit weapon stores, curbing illegal troop movements and preventing Khmer Rouge forces being brought into the capital.

Yesterday on national radio Hun Sen declared: "This is not a political dispute between one party and another, nor is it a coup d'etat or a civil war like Ranariddh the traitor has declared".

Some of the heaviest fighting raged yesterday in a densely populated western district, home to several senior royalist military officers targeted by Hun Sen's troops *on the pretext that* they were the hub of the illegal arms and troop build-up.

Cambodia's ailing King Norodom Sihanouk, in a message from Beijing where he is resting, called on the two prime ministers to stop fighting immediately and to visit him in the Chinese capital Beijing to resolve their differences.

But Prince Ranariddh, who left for Thailand the day before the fighting started, issued a statement denouncing Hun Sen's action as an attempted coup d'etat and urging his followers to resist.

"I call on the Royal Khmer Armed Forces and the Royal Police to not follow Hun Sen and his partisans in their illegal and criminal adventure that puts our country in great danger," Prince Ranariddh said in a statement released in Paris.

Prince Ranariddh's whereabouts have not been confirmed, but he was reportedly back in Cambodia near the border with Thailand.

Contact continued between ministers of the rival parties and Japan has offered to mediate, but neither side showed any interest in negotiations at a time when both were claiming to have the upper hand.

Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party (CPP) claimed its forces controlled "at least 80 or 90 per cent" of Phnom Penh late yesterday and expected to subdue all resistance in a day or so.

But in the maze of roads and red mud back streets, where fighting was fiercest, it was impossible to determine if either side had the advantage. Confusion reigned as explosions erupted all around. Hun Sen's soldiers in armoured vehicles fired automatic weapons and heavier artillery in the alleys.

Hun Sen's troops also sealed off the road to Phnom Penh's airport, where artillery fire could be heard as his forces attacked the main concentration of royalist soldiers less than a mile from the terminal. The noise of fighting late yesterday suggested their claims to have captured the royalist base and taken control of the airport were premature.

Funcinpec claimed to have captured and destroyed numerous tanks and armoured vehicles during the CPP's assault on its base. Party officials claimed reinforcements were heading for Phnom Penh from the provinces and that they, not Hun Sen's troops, controlled the airport.

Heavy fighting was also reported in western border provinces, areas of strong Funcinpec influence from the party's 1980s alliance with the Khmer Rouge against Hun Sen's government.

One clear result amid the confusion was the steady flow of casualties. Doctors in Phnom Penh's Calmette hospital alone reported 39 wounded and one dead from yesterday's fighting. That was on top of three killed and 25 wounded the day before. Virtually all were civilians, including women and children.

Few ambulances seemed to be operating and casualties arrived propped up on motorbikes or pushed on handcarts past gun-toting security guards wearing white plastic aprons over their uniforms.

But the overall toll of casualties could not be established as the shooting and explosions ebbed and flowed. Calmette hospital itself appeared at risk as Hun Sen's troops, aiming for the royalist party's headquarters nearby, dropped a couple of rockets into the neighbouring French embassy.

A rocket also hit Prince Ranariddh's residence in the heart of the city, close to the royal palace.

The other clear feature of the fighting was the terror it aroused in a population worn down by decades of conflict. Streets filled with fleeing residents clutching whatever they could carry.

"It's like 1975 all over again," said a solemn civil servant, alluding to the year Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge marched into Phnom Penh and launched its reign of terror by forcing the population to leave.

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News in brief

Séguin elected president of RPR

PHILIPPE Séguin, the former national assembly leader who led French oppsition to the Maastricht treaty, was yesterday elected president of the Gaullist RPR by 79 per cent of delegates at a special congress. He replaced Alain Juppé, the mayor of Bordeaux and former prime minister, who resigned after leading his rightwing coalition to defeat in last month's general election.

Mr Seguin, aged 54, was born in Tunis and is mayor of Epinal in the Vosges. A former labour minister, he is on the left wing of the party and yesterday promised to lead the fight against the racist National Front. During the run-up to the general election, he publicly abandoned his doubts about European union to enable him to prepare the ground for a party takeover.

The RPR was founded in 1976 by Jacques Chirac, now France's president, when he reassembled a movement created by Charles de Gaulle in 1947. — *Paul Webster, Paris.*

Zardari charged with murder

A JUDGE in Karachi yesterday formally charged the husband of Pakistan's former prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, with ordering the murder of her estranged brother.

Asif Ali Zardari and 21 former officials are charged with murder and conspiracy to murder Murtaza Bhutto, who died in a hail of police gunfire outside his Karachi home. Murtaza Bhutto ran a breakaway faction of his sister's Pakistan People's Party.

Mr Zardari, a minister in Ms Bhutto's disgraced government and the man widely blamed for her downfall, has been jailed since her dismissal last November. Ms Bhutto has accused President Farooq Leghari of ordering the murder in an attempt to unseat her.

After the hearing on Saturday, Mr Zardari was adamant that the killing was part of a conspiracy to bring down his wife's government. "I never ordered or had any involvement in Murtaza's killing. Only God knows who killed him," he said. — *AP, Pakistan.*

Plavsic rivals propose talks

OPPONENTS of the Bosnian Serb president, Biljana Plavsic, said yesterday they wanted talks to defuse a power struggle, but doubts remained over whether the meeting would materialise.

Hardliners said Ms Plavsic and her rival, Momcilo Krajisnik, were scheduled to meet but the president's office declined to confirm that any talks had been agreed. Political sources said she was reluctant to meet her rival outside her Banja Luka stronghold out of fear for her safety.

The president has waged a battle against wartime leaders loyal to the ex-president and indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic, whom she accuses of large-scale corruption. Pro-Karadzic politicians in the rebel Serb parliament, which Ms Plavsic dissolved last week, moved on Saturday toward impeaching her by curbing her powers and amending laws to remove her. — *Reuter, Pale.*

Tamil politician assassinated

A CONGRESSMAN from a moderate Tamil party, and four civilians were killed in a suspected Tamil rebel attack in north-eastern Sri Lanka on Saturday, military officials said.

A. Thangathurai of the Tamil United Liberation Front was leaving a school when a lone assassin threw a hand grenade and began shooting.

The attack came as hundreds of troops manned roadblocks around Sri Lanka's capital, braced for an assault by Tamil Tiger rebels to mark the 10th anniversary of their first guerrilla suicide bombing.

Navy gunboats attacked two rebel vessels off the northern coast yesterday, killing and wounding several Tamil guerrillas, said an official. Both rebel boats were damaged in the confrontation near Nakarkoyil, a town on the northern Jaffna peninsula, he said, but the boats, which were carrying large numbers of rebels, were able to land on the beach. — *AP, Colombo.*

Albanian Socialist claims win

FATOS Nano, the leader of Albania's Socialist Party, claimed the prime minister's office yesterday, confident his coalition will win two-thirds of the seats in round two of parliamentary elections.

Balloting was reportedly peaceful in the 32 zones where run-offs were being held and in one zone where the first round was taking place.

Supporters of President Sali Berisha's Democratic Party were hoping to increase their share of parliamentary seats after a dismal first-round showing of 10. The Socialists won 61.

After he cast his vote, Mr Nano told reporters: "I'll be the prime minister." He said that the current incumbent, Bashkim Fino, "will be at my right, and others on both sides — operating as partners and not as yes-men".

A delegation of about 150 observers was monitoring the voting on behalf of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. The monitors are being guarded by soldiers of the 7,000-strong multinational force. — *AP, Tirana.*

Paparazzi in Chelsea fracas

TWO photographers claimed yesterday that they needed hospital treatment after bodyguards tried to prevent them taking pictures of Chelsea Clinton, who is on holiday in Italy.

The two paparazzi, Riccardo Germogli and Marco Savoia, told local reporters they were chased through the narrow streets of Florence by the bodyguards after they started taking photos of US President Bill Clinton's daughter as she left a disco late on Friday night. The pair said they were punched and shoved by two bodyguards before police intervened.

Miss Clinton is on a private visit to Italy but was spotted by the ever-present paparazzi while she was dining at Harry's Bar. "She is much more beautiful than she seems in photographs," the bar manager, Leo Vadorini, was quoted as saying. — *Reuter, Florence.*

Hong Kong takes steps to deport children smuggled from China

Dominic Lau in Hong Kong

HONG KONG'S new leader, Tung Chee-hwa, came under pressure at the weekend to deport children sneaking across the border from the Chinese mainland to join their parents.

The issue creates a dilemma for Mr Tung's post-colonial government in the first week of rule as a Special Administrative Region of China.

Hundreds of youngsters risk their lives to rejoin a parent in Hong Kong. "Snakeheads", smugglers of human cargoes, bring them in covertly by boat or truck.

An estimated 60,000 children, most fathered by Hong Kong men and born to mainland women, are waiting to settle in the territory.

Hong Kong's police chief went to the city of Shenzhen in southern China this weekend to discuss tighter frontier controls.

The Hong Kong government will ask legislators on Wednesday to allow an immediate repatriation of hundreds of illegal child migrants from the mainland without proof of identity, the Chinese-language Hong Kong Economic Times reported.

On Friday, hundreds of families flocked to Hong Kong's immigration headquarters with children who had been smuggled in from China, hoping that they would be allowed to stay now that Beijing controls the territory. — Reuter.

Indian ruling party splits after rebel breakaway

Suzanne Goldenberg in New Delhi

THE Indian prime minister, I.K. Gujral, who has been unable to impose his will on a motley coalition government during his two-month rule, saw his authority dwindle still more at the weekend, when his party formally split.

The division in Mr Gujral's Janata Dal party does not immediately threaten the coalition government. The rebels, led by Laloo Prasad Yadav, the chief minister of the northern state of Bihar and until yesterday the president of the Janata Dal, have pledged to support the 14-party alliance.

But it does make Mr Gujral more vulnerable to pressure from small factions and reduces the possibilty of action from a government which has been accused of having lost its way.

The prime minister pleaded with Mr Yadav on Friday not to go ahead with the split; on Saturday Mr Yadav's followers founded the Rashtriya (National) Janata Dal. It was the fourth split in the party's nine-year history.

Mr Yadav's rustic style and appeal to fellow low-caste Indians and Muslims made him the most electable Janata Dal leader. But he became an embarassment to the party after he was indicted in a £163 million corruption scandal.

His drastic step at the weekend follows his refusal to bow to calls from his former colleagues to stand down as chief minister and party president.

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The lessons of Drumcree

Mowlam must keep on talking

EERILY, the march itself was "peaceful". Hundreds of police, troops and nose-to-tail armoured vehicles ensured there were lines of steel separating the Orange Order marchers and the Portadown Catholic community through which they passed yesterday. But the nationalist anger which erupted before the march — when police and troops seized Garvaghy Road in the middle of the night — and after the parade had passed is only the beginning. Just how much damage the Drumcree march will have wreaked is too early to say. But both Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam and RUC Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan were fully aware of the already dangerously low level of Catholic confidence in the RUC and security forces even before their decision to let the march proceed yesterday. They knew their decision would create further resentment within the nationalist community, not just locally but across the province. The new "betrayal" charges levelled last night by Catholic community leaders will have come as no surprise. They will have known too that this "victory" for Unionism will have given the IRA an excuse for refusing to call another ceasefire in a peace process which is already in serious trouble. So why did they allow the parade?

Mr Flanagan talked yesterday of being left with "a simple stark choice of balancing two evils". Mo Mowlam, who had worked tirelessly to achieve "a sensible accommodation", spoke ruefully of the impossibility of compromise in the face of intransigence. So they were left with the brutal choice of either offending the Catholic community or taking on the much more powerful militant loyalists. Last year, the then chief constable, Sir Hugh Annesley, tried to take on the Portadown Orangemen by blocking off Garvaghy Road to the Drumcree marchers. Three days of loyalist violence followed, bringing Northern Ireland almost to a standstill. Ports, airports and roads were all blocked. In scores of towns and villages, loyalists took to the streets, hijacking cars, burning buildings and rioting. The chief constable was finally forced into a humiliating U-turn. Drumcree 2, as it became known, cost £25 million but, even worse, scared off much needed overseas investment. Senior police officers spoke of a province on the brink of all-out civil war.

Mo Mowlam was right yesterday to criticise the previous administration for their inadequate response to last year's confrontations. The Conservatives were wrong to wash their hands of the problem and leave it to Labour. But even if the North Report on marches had been fully implemented, this year's events demonstrate the huge hurdles which still have to be jumped. There will be legislation in the autumn setting up a Parades Commission. Its chairman, Alistair Graham, was in Portadown at the weekend. He is right to insist that there must be a better way than the current "season-by-season crisis management". Mo Mowlam's talks were not futile. Some progress was achieved. Some older and wiser Unionist leaders were ready to accept that this year's march should not go ahead so long as the Government recognised the Orangemen's *right* to march. Catholic leaders appealed for calm and understanding. Business leaders in Northern Ireland's CBI reminded the Unionist community of just how much they have lost from the confrontations. There will be no overseas investment while such instability reigns. Labour has signalled that higher security costs will mean fewer economic subsidies. What remains to be done is more difficult: converting the rank and file.

Eastern promise

Nato must expand, despite US doubts

IT is an illusion that there is always a choice between a good and a bad course in international politics. Frequently, as with the decision to enlarge Nato, there would be difficulties whichever choice was made. What is certain is that if a choice once made is later reversed, nobody benefits from the resulting confusion and perception of weakness. As the members of the alliance gather in Madrid this week, there are critics, mainly American, saying that the move to extend membership to some eastern states is a historic mistake. Their position was an honourable one before the die for expansion was cast, but is now less tenable. A Nato which had decided not to incorporate any eastern members would be one thing. A Nato which has decided to bring them in, and does so, would be another. But a Nato which so decided, and then failed to do so because of a defeat in the legislature of its most important *member state, would be another article altogether.* A busted flush, perhaps.

To say that the expansion of Nato is an illogical business is fair comment. The expected invitation to Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, will bring in three states whose military establishments are in a state of disarray. It will be years before they can bring more than limited contingents up to top Nato standards. Even so, they will have to spend a great deal of money, money on which the American arms industry has already fixed a sharp eye. So expansion will not strengthen Nato militarily and will weaken the economies of new members. The arguments between America and France over whether Romania and Slovenia should be part of the first wave have, meanwhile, opened up another fault line in the alliance. Further, as the critics point out, expansion stretches the alliance strategically *and has offended the Russians, although not so far as* deeply as was once feared. Why then has it been decided to do it ?

It is not our plan but their need which has been critical. The reason Nato is expanding is that Eastern European countries pleaded, begged, argued, lectured, and hammered on the door. Could we really have just said No? Their enthusiasm may now have cooled somewhat, as they contemplate the costs, but they still want to join. The reasons include their fear of Russia, and also their fear of themselves, of the conflicts they might generate if their armed forces were not locked into an alliance managed in a sophisticated way by powerful states. Above all, admission to Nato and the European Union remains central to their aspirations to become truly European, Western, democratic, and "modern". This may seem a strange freight for a military alliance to bear, but Nato has never been a simple military alliance. It is, and remains, a complex political structure discharging many functions, some in mysterious ways.

Letters to the Editor

Late returns for Mr Brown

GORDON Brown's claim that his Budget advances the long-term interests of the many is belied by the facts (Brown's conjuring tricks, July 3). It continues the Tory economic policy aimed at redistribution of income and wealth in favour of the rich; in other words, it is a further cut in the living standard of the majority.

The Chancellor would be better advised to invest in public works and thereby simultaneously improve the infrastructure and create real jobs. The resultant tax *receipts will cut the welfare* bill, raise the standard of living (eg properly-funded public services) and reduce crime.

The ideology Mr Brown is operating on was discredited by Keynes and takes us back to the 1930s, when the budget was balanced but people (the majority) who depended on employment and public services were left to rot.

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ACCORDING to the Labour Party manifesto, young unemployed people who refuse an offer of work or training will not have the option of "life on *full* benefit". We now learn from the Education Secretary that such people will lose *all* their benefit (Welfare to work sets tough terms, July 4).

A high proportion of young, unemployed people do not participate in mainstream politics, do not vote, and have little confidence in the honour and integrity of the politic class. Can Mr Blunkett really blame them?

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ATTEMPTS to liken the *Chancellor's treatment of* advance corporation tax to Robert Maxwell's raid on the Mirror pension fund are risible (Letters, July 4). Max*well's actions amounted* to theft from his own employees by someone in a position of trust. The Chancellor has not "taken" one penny from exist*ing pension funds. He has* removed a tax concession from future growth in the funds, which will grow less rapidly than the very high rates of the recent past.

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The future isn't Orange

THERE are thousands of miles of road in Northern Ireland where Orangemen could march without let or hindrance and plenty of housing estates where they would be feted as heroes (Reports, page 1, July 7). Yet they have to parade along routes which just happen to pass by or through areas where these are not welcome.

For what other purpose could it be but to emphasise the dominance of their tradition and culture over their historic enemy? To show them who remains boss?

Mo Mowlam should establish the principle that *no* parade can proceed past areas where these are unwelcome. The concept of consent is considered dangerous in many areas of Northern Ireland. But until this notion is adopted and backed up by the full might of government, the sight of the Northern Ireland Secretary marching to and fro on an annual basis frantically trying to arrange an unachievable compromise will become a tradition in itself.

R Crangle.
Address supplied.

IT is time that Buckingham Palace became aware that the annual Orange extravaganzas are in honour of the Protestant monarch of the United Kingdom.

If she were to express the opinion that she would feel even more honoured if the celebrations took place at times and in localities where, in the opinion of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, there was little likelihood of civil disturbance, there might be a chance, without loss of face, of ending this tradition of summer violence.

How could she refuse in view of the annual apprehension, destruction and cost both to security and lost economic opportunity.

If you publish this letter, please do not use my name and address. It could be dangerous.

Name and address supplied.

DECCA Aitkenhead (Watching the parade, July 4) quotes a Protestant as saying: "If they come into our country ... they have to put up with our traditions." My history lessons taught me that Protestantism came into Ireland, especially Ulster, with the plantation there of Scottish settlers by several English rulers. It could thus be argued that it is the Protestants who are the incomers.

If you print this letter, please withhold my name and address. I live on the fringe of an area where some sectarian prejudice remains. I don't want a brick through my window, or worse.

Name and address supplied.

IF the nationalists in Belfast had any sense they would *ignore the loyalist parades* which most people in Britain and elsewhere consider to be childish anyway.

They look like overgrown schoolboys marching along in their bowler hats: this is the sort of thing we did in our infants school. It really is time that all people in Northern Ireland started looking forward instead of harking back 300 years.

Name and address supplied.

NEW Labour, same old Ulster.

Name and address supplied.

Why the march for Gay Pride still has some miles to go

WHILE it is true that the so-called gay mainstream is very excluding of — among others — older men and women, *people who don't* overtly dress or behave in a gay way, and those without much money, it is still unwise to abandon the search for a gay community (On the gay and narrow, G2, July 3).

Equality about the age of consent is hardly the issue for many gay people. They are still struggling to escape prejudice, fear and hostility, and discrimination in their working and social lives. For them — and for all those many other lesbians and gay men in London, Manchester, Birmingham, etc, where gay villages bloom but exclude them — *the in-yer-face boldness of* Gay Pride, and the once-a-year chance to observe that it's OK to be gay, is a crucial date in the calender.

Don't let's drop it because a few sour critics can't discern a gay community, don't like the scene as it is, and are getting a little bitter as they approach their late thirties. They'll get over it and, at 50-plus, they too will want to see Pride go on and on.

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ISN'T the assumption that there is a universal, monolithic gay (or gay and lesbian) culture itself a sort of *homophobia, an ignoring of the di*versity of groups of people who are lesbian or gay? The gay culture is seen as exclusionary and ghettoised precisely because it *is seen as the* gay culture; it is given a privileged positon by the media which I suspect the majority of gay men and lesbians would not accord it.

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DAVID Robinson (Queering the pitch, Review, July 4) quotes the line Dirk Bogarde speaks in the film Vic*tim about why he has given a* young man a lift in his car: "Because I wanted him."

I was in that film and remember well Dirk's comment when we were watching rushes: "Well, they'll send me up for that in Scunthorpe". We mustn't forget what gay men had to endure in those days quite apart from prison sentences — the blackmail and extortion.

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Off the planet

CLEARLY the Mars pathfinder should have been equipped with something to puncture the airbags obstructing its path (Mars probe lands safely, July 5). A horseshoe nail, perhaps?

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IF Neil Hamilton had *really* taken all that money, he would have been able to afford his [Conservative] Party mem*bership fees (Hamilton: I'm* not in party, July 5). This is clearly proof of his innocence, and you owe him an apology.

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PLEASE can we let Prince Charles marry who he wants (Queen Camilla goes courting, July 5), dismantle our anachronistic royal family, and find something more interesting to talk about?

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Pot plot

THE vote by the BMA for cannabis products to be made legally available for medical use (Cannabis treatment urged by doctors, July *3) coincided with the publica*tion of two studies in the prestigious journal, Science, from research in the US, Spain and Italy, which suggests that the effects of marijuana acts in the same areas of the brain, *and in the same way, as more* potent drugs, to keep users coming back for more.

I hate to think that pot is that sinister.

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Hospitalised

YOUR article on public finance *initiatives in the* NHS refers to the South Manchester scheme as a "new hospital" (£1.3bn private finance for NHS hospitals, July 4). *This is not a new hospital, but* an add-on wing at one hospital resulting in the closure of the whole of Withington Hospital. This was opposed before the election by all sections of the community, including our MP, Keith Bradley, because of *the cut in the number of beds.* Like other PFI schemes, it will cost the NHS a great deal more money in the long term.

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A Country Diary

THE NORTHERN PENNINES: Strong winds and driving rain, with thick cloud down to 1,000ft, forced us to abandon the collection of a cluster of two-thousanders to the north of Hartside summit. So we drove down to Alston, then south-east across lofty moors into Teesdale for a look at *High Force, which would* surely be in tremendous spate. Spotting a road sign, we turned down a narrow strip of tarmac and eventually found ourselves at Cow Green reservoir almost hidden among lonely, sprawling fells. The reservoir is more than two miles long but, with waves and flying spray, and the far shores hidden in cloud, it looked much bigger. We thought it a curious tourist attraction in such a remote landscape with special ways for wheel-chairs, viewpoints and explanatory leaflets. But there was nobody else about, we saw nothing of the remarkable birdlife of the area, notably wildfowl and waders, and it was far too stormy to seek out the renowned plantlife. Many years ago, when I used to go skiing on Great Dun Fell most winter weekends, we looked east one fine day and were staggered to see a great sheet of water where none had been before. In the clear winter air it only seemed a mile or two away — on the map it's five miles — and we *found out they were making a* reservoir called Cow Green to slake the thirst of distant Teeside. As is often the way with water boards and politicians, they had chosen just the wrong place — an area of immense botanical importance — but, following a national outcry, volunteers rallied round and dug up thousands of the rare plants, replanting them out of range of the rising waters. I must return on a better day to see the mountain flowers and the birdlife, for this was my first close-up view of the reservoir. And High Force, despite the fee, was well worth seeing again in really awe-inspiring spate — more impressive than I had ever seen it.

A HARRY GRIFFIN

How to put our people in the frame for work

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

A PRINT of Ford Maddox Brown's Work hangs above my desk in Derbyshire. The *magnificent original belongs* to Manchester's Whitworth Gallery and it was from there, more than 30 years ago, that I bought my copy of the pre-*Raphaelite tribute to the* greatest of all Victorian virtues.

In the foreground of the picture there are 19 figures — including one baby and three dogs, but not counting a shovel-holding hand which protrudes from a hole in the road. On the right, John Ruskin and Thomas Carlyle — representing intellectual and artistic labour — watch the physical exertions which dom*inate the picture.* A harassed young woman with two children is there to confirm that motherhood is work as well.

Next to my print — for no reasons except my obsession *with Work — is a cartoon* which Peter Clarke drew for this paper almost a year ago. In his pen and ink reproduction of the Ford Maddox *Brown masterpiece, Ruskin* and Carlyle have been replaced with John Major and Michael Heseltine.

I suspect that Mr Clarke *now wishes that he had kept* his pre-Raphaelite powder dry. His drawing should have been published last week with Gordon Brown and David Blunkett replacing the thoughtful figures on the right. For the Budget and the painting have a common theme. I would gladly buy an updated version — provided that the urchin and the dog beneath the wheelbarrow are turned into Buster and me.

Anyone who doubts the right of Chancellor and Secretary of State to appear on such a drawing should read the slightly contradictory rubrics with which Ford Maddox Brown surrounded his allegory. "Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought but we wrought with labour and *travail by night and day* ... Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings ... I must work whilst it is day: for night com*eth when no man can work."* More apposite still is the moral message below the picture. "In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread."

Begin that stern injunction with the adverb *only*, and it is a description of workfare. One Brown proclaimed the nobility of work, the other insisted *on its necessity. The two ideas* are closely related.

The Budget was built around two complementary contexts — the Government's obligation to ensure that jobs are available, and the individual's duty to accept that any kind of employment is better than every sort of idleness. The first half of that equation was, for more than 30 post-war years, a political cliche. The second required a great intellectual leap — though whether it was forward or backward, I am not sure.

In the years of full employment, we *knew* that every able bodied man wanted a job. In *the decades of idleness* which followed we believed that there was a shortage of work not workers. To my generation, the idea that some young *men and women* have to be forced into jobs is profoundly shocking. Unfortunately, it seems to be true.

If a moral judgment is im*plied by that observation, it* concerns society as a whole not unfortunate individuals within it. The men and women described by newspapers as "workshy" are victims not villains. There are, this month, thousands of school-leavers whose whole lives have been spent in workless families. In the early years of unemployment, their fathers would certainly have preferred a wage to the dole and some of them stubbornly retain the hope of earning their own living. But although they tell their sons and daughters of the dignity that comes with labour, they are not allowed to practice what they preach.

It is not the work ethic, but the work ethos, which their children lack. Hanging about is the only life they know. Stern measures — draconian, whether David Blunkett will admit it or not — are necessary to break the habit of their lifetime. To my surprise, I find myself supporting what I regard as a cure rather than a punishment. Ford Maddox Brown would have understood.

Most of the figures in his painting are manual labourers. A young navvy, with a face like Dante Gabriel Rossetti, digs the hole in the road. A hod-carrier brings bricks, a builder sifts sand and a craftsman hovers with his box of tools ready to perform his superior task. They are the nobility of work personified. The young woman with the baby on her arm and a child clutching her skirts is not so obviously an admirable figure. Her hair is unkempt and her dress not properly buttoned at the back. To me, she looks like a lone parent — a 19th century equivalent of the tabloid travesty who is supposed to become pregannt in order to jump to the front of the council-house queue.

For the sake of those two children, I would like to see her find a job — partly because they need the extra money, but mostly because they should not be born and bred in a household which thinks of welfare as the only way to live. But providing her with gainful employment and making her capable of retaining it, is going to take time. Meanwhile she, and those two vulnerable children, have to live. Right now they are — as they were in Ford Maddox Brown's time — existing well below the poverty line.

Part of the workfare package ought to be proper help for the families who cannot take immediate advantage of the new opportunities. I know *that someone* would have to pay for it. But, in the background of Work, two shadowy figures watch while the rest of the world labours. They are obviously too prosperous to sweat before they eat. They ought to pay higher taxes to help pay for other peoples' bread.

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Cambodia Diary

Nick Cumming-Bruce

THERE will be a long queue outside the door when Dr Ka Sunbaunat's clinic in Phnom Penh's old Russian hospital next reopens for business. Mondays are his busiest day, but the fighting raging in Phnom Penh (which may shut off access) guarantees there will be more souls than ever seeking help. His clinic offers mental care to a nation half-demented by decades of war, Pol Pot's genocidal rule, and even more war.

The conflict is crazy. Cambodians sigh, the confrontation between its ruling parties is insane and similar adjectives are tossed around about the country's political leaders. "Hun Sen, crazy," a taxi-driver says mockingly of Cambodia's second prime minister, whose quest for power has sent troops and tanks against forces loyal to his nominally-senior co-Prime Minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh.

Rumours suggest that beneath the cool surface of Cambodia's most able politician lurks a worrying strain of acute paranoia. But the patients who flock daily to Dr Sunbaunat and his small team leave no doubt that even if that is true, he would be part of a broad congregation. In a country engrossed just with physical survival, study of mental health is in its infancy. But researchers in this field are startled by what they are finding. "At least 60 per cent of people have mental problems," says Kann Kall, Cambodian deputy director of Ipser, a Dutch aid agency's community mental health programme.

For many, these surface in headaches, back pains, chest pains, extreme fatigue — debilitating physical ailments that have no organic basis but are the result of depression, stress and trauma.

Cambodia's experiences in recent decades mean these are so widely shared that doctors say the abnormal responses they produce are accepted among Cambodians as normal. Aggression is commonplace, so is domestic violence, withdrawal and deep suspicion of others.

This generality of traumatic experience has also camouflaged the numbers of those who are suffering more acute psychosis, as found by agencies like Ipser as they travel through villages. Among them was a 55-year-old woman who lost her husband and entire family in a week during the Pol Pot regime and was savagely punished herself by Khmer Rouge village bosses for killing a pig in a desperate bid to supplement her rations. They tied her to a tree for a week, beat her unconscious and held a knife to her throat demanding confession.

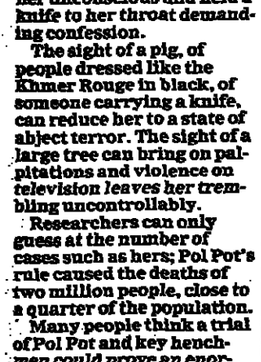
The sight of a pig, of people dressed like the Khmer Rouge in black, of someone carrying a knife, can reduce her to a state of abject terror. The sight of a large tree can bring on palpitations and violence on television leaves her trembling uncontrollably.

Researchers can only guess at the number of cases such as hers; Pol Pot's rule caused the deaths of two million people, close to a quarter of the population.

Many people think a trial of Pol Pot and key henchmen could prove an enormous relief, a catharsis that would help Cambodians finally to turn their back on the collective nightmare that still haunts their sleep.

But doctors like Sunbaunat grapple with a more complex reality — there are victims of brutal experience under regimes that preceded and followed Pol Pot's. Like the 50-year-old woman who, as a 15-year-old, was exposed to the bombings of Cambodia by American and other aircraft. When she revisits the scene of these experiences, she breaks out sweating, suffers blurred vision and nightmares. Or the 48-year-old woman whose husband was killed seven years ago while working their land and has since suffered sleeplessness and acute fatigue, unable to go out of her house or work.

"What we find is that there are layers of trauma," says a foreign doctor working in Cambodia. "It's been going on for so many years and it's still going on now. It's not finished yet."



Yes, but which kind of democracy rules?

Commentary

Peter Preston

WE spent most of last week hymning its wonders, a precious jewel tossed irresolutely into the China Sea. But when — going about our business this week — will we mention it again? I'm talking about democracy. Where, Hugo Young once memorably inquired, is the Big Idea? At last, he has an answer. The Big Idea is alive and young and living on a small island in the middle of Stockholm.

The Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance has really only been going for a year, but it already has 13 countries — from India to Belgium — in membership: and many more should start queuing at its door. We talk, glibly, you see, about the triumph of democracy. But we barely pause to analyse the phenomenon beyond our own back gates. Idea fills a giant hole of knowledge and expertise.

If you're an African or eastern European country finally getting your democratic act together, they'll help you build a system that suits. And rather too many of their lessons carry messages closer to home.

Does voter participation, for example, matter? If it does, then Britain has nothing much to be proud of. Construct a global league table of turnout since 1945 and the UK limps along in 48th spot. (America — since you ask — is 130th, and sliding). Take western Europe in the 1990s and UK turnout puts us 14 out of 25. But, there again, the absolute flat bottom of the league — 17 points adrift — is Switzerland; only 38 per cent of Swiss seem to bother to vote these days.

The assembled electoral consultants at the Idea Forum these past few days kept apologising for the dense detail of their evolving social science. They were afraid that so many mechanisms, such statistics, might dampen any flames of idealism. But I couldn't understand their diffidence. The discipline may be academic: but its thrust is massively relevant.

Democracy travels in many forms and guises. The form isn't a shrugging irrelevance. It shapes and determines what happens. The tailor-made South African PR system of 1994 gave the ANC 62.65 of the popular vote. One year before, first past the post in next door Lesotho gave the Basotho Congress Party 75 per cent of the vote and every single seat in the Assembly: no opposition at all.

Block votes (where you have as many votes as there are candidates to be elected in multimember constituencies) can be even more ferocious in their consequences — or satisfactory, as Lee Kwan Yew, sitting atop endless Singapore success, might say. The two round system, as developed in France, depresses turnout and, exported to old French colonies, produces terrible organisational problems. Mali only managed to get 21 per cent of its voters out last time.

If, with some fascination, you examine the new Idea maps and handbook of electoral systems around the world, you find these old colonial legacies eerily reflected. From Africa to America and India, the British left first past the post: though whether its recipients should be grateful is a more headbanging question. Would anybody thinking clearly, have wished the simplistic Westminster model on the infinite complexity of India? Like the Spanish and the French, we merely took a thoughtless package off the shelf and let the colonies get on with it.

The ever-arching point looks simple enough. The electoral system you choose needs to be picked with outcomes in mind. First decide what kind of country you are, what kind of freedom you wish to cement, then go shopping. South African PR will meticulously reflect the nuances of a complicated tribal structure with uncanny accuracy. British FPTP will provide a strong governing party and a strong opposition, but few shadings beyond that.

And so, inevitably, home. For we are not bystanders. If political promises mean anything, we have a spot on the centre stage sometime in the next four years. Mr Blair has pledged the possibility of change through referendum: Captain Ashdown will be bitterly disappointed if that promise slips.

Yet the debate itself has barely begun. Does "fair" representation matter? When the New Zealand Social Credit Party, 16 years ago, won 21 per cent of the vote and 2 per cent of the seats, that set the ball of total system reform rolling. Do we care about "wasted" votes, those crosses lavished irrelevantly on parties in their heartlands? What about the gerrymandering of political boundaries that goes with first past the post, or its tendency to produce regional oligarchies for one party, leaving the rest vestigial?

> We know that electoral systems mould the nature of politics. Yet Europe is a chaos of systems

If these things — Liberal Democrat or SNP things — count, then change is coming. But you can't have them without profound consequences, including a narrowing of party definition. Instead of broad, inclusive parties, you get sections and factions. The whole nature of politics, its pace, its rhythms, its assumptions, shifts. But how far and how fast depends on the system you pick: and here, sitting in Europe discussing such crucial choices, it seems dotty to think of making our change in isolation.

Consider monetary union. We know that — for better or worse — it is an intrinsically political project. We know (from Idea) that electoral systems mould the nature of politics. Yet Europe is a chaos of systems. Britain alone has FPTP. France alone (unless you include Moldova, the Ukraine and Macedonia) clings to two rounds. Ireland, in unsplendid isolation, retains the single transferable vote. Germany and Italy are mixed member proportional. The rest are PR systems of varying arcaneness.

We sometimes talk as though Britain had one electoral method and the rest of Europe another. That is categorically not the case. Our entire continent is a dissonant shambles which produces different parties, and combinations of parties, working to bizarrely different agendas. They're all democratic. They do not, however, remotely fit together. Even France and Germany didn't fit.

The compulsive thing about Idea is that it forces you to look at such a tangle of loose ends. Ever closer political union? Hardly. We haven't even begun to take that on board for the national parliaments which run our lives and deal at the Council of Ministers. Where there is pressure for change, it comes on the wings of Ashdown from inside a national parliament — not from any supranational impulse. Yet to start thinking the supranational and work downwards is to glimpse the current impossibility of getting such a revolution together.

Will it ever be possible? Systems — see New Zealand — do change. But there are so many political losers from upheaval that the thought of concerted European reform seems remote, going on ludicrous. It is, isolated on an island in Stockholm, one more reason for subterranean doubt about the entire European project. For make no mistake: the biggest idea is very big indeed.

Revenge at last for all those fragrant wives

Ros Coward

SIR Terence Conran's divorce may turn out to be a milestone. The award to his ex-wife, Caroline, of a record £10 million does not simply open the floodgates for women to take rich husbands to the cleaners. It marks the end of a dismal period in which public figures treated their wives as props in displays of male power.

Conran claimed that his wife had only given "active home support" and had not made a significant contribution to his fortune. Dismissing this, Mr Justice Wilson concluded: "It can be difficult for a man with a healthy ego, who has achieved a vertiginous success, to look down and discern a contribution other than his own."

It's remarkable to hear a judge using such playfully ironic words about the pompositles of a certain kind of man and his arrogance towards women. It is equally remarkable that he awarded Caroline Conran more than she had asked for. Money speaks louder than words in law, so a clear message has been sent: the days of the pinstriped patriarchy may finally be numbered.

Conran's divorce couldn't have come at a worse time for him. The political sleaze episodes did not just expose the greed and corruption of the 1980s. They also increased consciousness about the contempt in which many patriarchs hold the women in their lives. This is the distasteful male behaviour practised by the British ruling classes where uptight, rigidly formal men view wives as adjuncts, good for gracious home-making and raising families, but to be used and dispensed with at will.

Such sexual mores should have died in the aftermath of the Profumo scandal and the emergence of feminism. But extraordinarily, 1980s Conservatism revived it as a political style, aping the old aristocracy. In a corrupt modern variant, sexual promiscuity went hand in hand with conventional home lives. Doubtless Prince Charles, pompous and stiff in public, using his wife for his image while ruminating on the joys of being his mistress's Tampax, was a great example.

If one image sticks in the mind of the Tory years, it is "the disgraced cabinet minister" making a photocall with his wife clutching his hand. David Mellor lined his family up after his public exposure, as did Tim Yeo and that Lazarus of politics, Cecil Parkinson. The apotheosis was Jeffrey Archer's libel case where his main asset was the extreme "fragrance" of his wife.

A wife's loyalty is more relevant for sexual allegations. Yet the same principle applies to political misdemeanours. The devotion of a good woman is held to prove a man's moral worth, both to the world and to himself. Such a reference is still strongly advisable for a politician, as both William Hague and Gordon Brown have realised.

Jonathan Aitken's defenders ignored the corruption of his business dealings, not just because of their complications, but because his family supported him in the face of all insinuations. Such supporters finally deserted him when it became clear he was making his wife and daughter perjure themselves.

Until then several right-wing papers continued to run stories about his charming wife, his lovely children, colluding in his use of family as talisman of his truth and integrity. Only when his wife appeared to reach the end of her tether did it became obvious he had no other defence. Even then, the Mail on Sunday valiantly found another woman to defend him. This time, Aitken's mother denounced his wife for having got him into all this trouble.

NEIL Hamilton used his wife's loyalty as a sign of his honesty, although "use" might be the wrong term, given Christine Hamilton's personality. In time-honoured fashion she appeared by his side, affirming her devotion as evidence of his honesty. But this turned into a pastiche of outdated patriarchy. Her media prominence rendered him the ultimate stuffed suit, with her the garrulous affidavit of his integrity.

We are constantly told that people's sexual and domestic arrangements reveal nothing about their integrity in other areas of life. But when there are more egalitarian options, the man who blatantly uses women as pawns or demeans their contributions to his life may have more general delusions of grandeur.

Wilson's judgment in the Conran case shows how far this realisation has spread. His justification that Caroline Conran was "a beautiful, creative, energetic and instinctively stylish woman" who had played a vital part in Sir Terence's success was no repetition of the "fragrant wife" defence. It is a shrewd assessment of the nature of the Conran product: style itself. The settlement acknowledges that this style was significantly Caroline's creation as well as Terence's.

Could it be that Lolicia Aitken, and all those other Tory wives who heroically marketed their husbands' political styles, now have a useful legal precedent for any future divorce settlements?

New Europeans

The left in western Europe hasn't held so much governmental power since the 1940s. But it isn't quite the left as we used know it. The right has changed, too. And, **Martin Jacques** argues, our new volatile politics means they will never be the same again

THIS must be the most successful moment in the European left's postwar history. Three of western Europe's four largest countries now have leftwing governments. The Labour Party achieved its greatest victory ever in the May election. France now has a leftwing government (Socialists, with Communists and Greens) cohabiting with a rightwing president. And the Italian left, led by the former communists, the PDS, have been in office for over a year.

The only comparable period was immediately after the second world war, when the left briefly shared power in France and Italy, before they were ejected with the cold war, and Labour governed Britain. Not even the radical 1960s produced such a situation: the Social Democrats were elected in Germany and Labour in Britain, but in Italy and France the left never even sniffed power. And we still may not have witnessed the left's high-water mark. Given the present mood, the left might just win the elections in Germany in 1998.

What makes the present success more extraordinary is that it defies the conventional wisdom after 1989 and the collapse of communism, which was that the right would be the beneficiary. That may have been the case, but in the longer run the evidence points in the opposite direction.

The collapse of communism undermined a traditional fear of the left. More importantly, it helped to erode the lines of division between right and left. The forces that had helped keep the left out of power also kept the right in power. These were effectively dissolved: the right can no longer assume that it is the natural governing party in western Europe. The events of 1989 were a precondition for the recent wave of victories by the left.

This is most obvious in Italy, where the collapse of communism did far more damage to the right than the left. It led to the disintegration of the governing party, the Christian Democrats, and a continuing crisis of the right. Meanwhile the left — the former communists — not only survived 1989, but achieved power for the first time since the 1940s. The left assumed the mantle of the Christian Democrats, in that a very important segment of the old governing élite associated itself with the new administration. A fundamental realignment has taken place.

The same is true in Britain. Historically, the Conservatives have always been the natural party of government, with Labour only occasionally in office. The Conservatives always enjoyed a special relationship with sources of power in British society: business, the media, the Church. This began to erode in the 1980s as Margaret Thatcher transformed it from being a relatively pragmatic, one-nation, establishment institution into a more ideological party, partisan rather than consensual. Tony Blair has taken this realignment further by recruiting business to support his New Labour project. He has tried to position the party as the new centre, the new establishment, boasting that New Labour is now the one-nation party.

Blair is the most significant figure on the European left. Not since the 1960s has the British left caused such waves in Europe and this far exceeds then. His impact is far more fundamental than his attractive image, his appeal as a new young leader. Blair's novelty lies in his willingness to move on, to break new ground for the left, by raiding rightwing territory and language. Others have done it before, but never so explicitly and so audaciously.

BLAIR'S inspiration has little to do with the European left. The biggest influence on his thinking is Margaret Thatcher. He has accepted most of her legacy — privatisation, trade union reform, the enhanced role of the market, the new individualism — as common sense and presented New Labour as the party best equipped to carry forward the new era. So in the EU, his economic arguments (emphasising the importance of labour flexibility and globalisation) are almost indistinguishable from those of the Conservatives.

Blair's other major influence is President Clinton, the first left-of-centre leader to borrow the rhetoric and policies of the New Right. Clinton accepted that the left needed to reinvent itself and used the term New Democrat.

As yet there is no other European figure like Blair. The nearest are probably the leaders of the Italian PDS but they come from a very different tradition. The leaders of the French and German Socialists sing from a different hymn sheet. In neither country has the neo-liberalism which transformed Britain had the same influence. Kohl and Chirac could never be described as Thatcherite, so the left in their countries is different. New Labour here has broadly accepted the Thatcherite agenda, but this is not the case in Germany and France. Lionel Jospin, the new French prime minister, still believes in state intervention in job creation.

In the late 1940s — as late as the 1970s — the scale of victory we have recently witnessed would have evoked enormous hope on the left and fear and loathing on the right. That is no longer true. And the reason is quite simple. Left and right are not what they were, the distinction no longer so easy to make, the wall between the two reduced to rubble. This has reduced the stakes. The shared agenda is that much greater.

The result is that European politics are now more contingent, loyalties less enduring, the situation more volatile. Just four years ago, the French Socialists were virtually wiped out in the parliamentary elections. In the elections this summer they have been returned to office. The same could happen anywhere. It is likely that Blair will win the next election in Britain, but it is not inevitable: much will depend on how long it takes the Conservatives to get their act together.

The recent success of the European left is not some historical accident, but the result of much deeper changes in the nature of society and politics. We have moved into a new era with a different kind of left and right, and much greater volatility. And if Europe fails to come to terms with low growth, high unemployment and stagnation, then we can expect even bigger changes in the future.

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Professor Leonard Strang

Taking care of the children

LEONARD Strang, who has died aged 72, was an important figure in British and European paediatrics for more than three decades. His hallmark was to understand the essential relationship between science and clinical service, if children and their families were to benefit fully from medical care. This was coupled with an ability to enthuse younger collaborators, many of whom now fill important positions in child health and developmental physiology across the world.

The formative influence in Leonard's early life was J C Spence, the Newcastle pioneer of the inter-war years who opened the way for mothers to care for their sick children in his famous Babies Hospital. Spence also devised a survey of child upbringing and health, involving 1,000 families, the forerunner of much subsequent work on the interaction between social factors and disease.

This example of how the mixture of science and humanity applied to the common problems of health became central to Strang's vision when, following his brother and sister into medicine, he qualified and worked with Spence and his group of young doctors. The influence was perhaps the greater because Strang had been Spence's patient when, at the age of 10 (in pre-antibiotic days), he permanently lost the free use of his legs from septicaemia following mastoiditis. Recurrent surgery left him with a profound understanding of both sides of the doctor/ patient divide.

Nevertheless, such was the power of Leonard's personality that his closer colleagues forgot his disability completely. It was only, for example, when he would produce one of his sticks to provide visiting lecturers with a pointer to their slides, that the cost of gallant triumph over adversity would be noted. As one patient later put it: "He was such a person that you didn't forget his sticks, rather it seemed the normal way to walk."

It was during clinical postgraduate training in paediatrics at Newcastle that Strang's research talent began to emerge. He applied the new tools in respiratory physiology to the study of childhood asthma. In so doing it became apparent to him that the scientific infrastructure of the then departments of child health (even the one at Newcastle) was inadequate to sustain the depth of study he wished to pursue.

He moved to Boston and began to study breathing in early life, particularly how the lung adapted to the onset of breathing immediately after birth. This led to a vigorous disagreement between him and Geoffrey Dawes from Oxford on whether it was oxygen or carbon dioxide that led to the important increase in blood flow through the lung after birth, essential to postnatal life. Dawes invited the young Strang, who had then returned to the Hammersmith Hospital, London, to visit Oxford and put their mutual ideas to the test. Strang's views were substantially vindicated.

In 1963 he went to University College Hospital as reader, and was soon promoted to occupy the first chair in paediatrics at a London undergraduate medical school. He promptly established a research group which continued to elucidate the process of change in the lungs at birth with increasing precision and clarity over the next 30 years. The lung, far from being a passive bag awaiting the onset of work at the time of birth, is a fluid-filled entity. The secretion of its fluid helps to form the organ during gestation. Subsequently, under endocrine control, the fluid is absorbed during and immediately after birth to allow the baby to live outside its mother.

Elegant methods to study the process at all levels of complexity, from the molecule to the whole animal, were developed in Strang's laboratory. The field was summarised and its implications teased out in his classic book on *Neonatal Respiration*. Several groups worldwide continue to unravel the molecular and clinical implications of these findings which are central to the process of birth.

Over the same period, Leonard recruited a number of colleagues who were to make a major impact. Among these, Osmond Reynolds, also a returnee from the US, developed the use of ventilators in the newborn intensive unit, then a brand new idea in the United Kingdom.

WITH Leonard's leadership and support, UCH became, under Reynolds, a dominant force in British and, in many respects, world neonatal care. Strang was convinced, however, that long-term follow-up of the babies was essential and many of the most important publications in this area have also come from UCH. These have underpinned subsequent techniques to help protect the brain in the newborn baby in order to prevent cerebral palsy and other handicaps.

Many other areas of important work were pursued in Leonard's department including nutrition in the newborn and blood diseases such as thalassaemia. He always supported his junior colleagues and, when results fell short of their expectations, his phrase that "research is a tender flower", with its implication that even modest success was to be applauded, reassured many.

At the bedside he was a superb clinician and teacher; attentive, thoughtful, caring and thorough, he made himself available by day or night. We always turned to him with difficult problems, whether clinical conundrums or parents we could not reassure. All of his juniors were supported at times of stress or difficulty. He was a truly rounded doctor's doctor.

Honours and official duties naturally came his way. As Censor of the Royal College of Physicians of London and secretary of its paediatric committee, he was responsible for the introduction for the first time of a paediatric membership examination; a very important innovation at its time, which improved recruitment to the subject.

He was President of the Neonatal Society and was elected an honorary fellow of the British Paediatric Association. He was awarded the association's highest honour, the James Spence Medal, particularly apposite both to him and, posthumously, to Spence. He was well known in the US for his contributions to foetal physiology and in Europe was one of the of founding fathers of the club which later evolved into the European Society for Paediatric Research.

A passionate Francophile, he found time, while a professor in London, to have regular French lessons. As a result of his friendship with Alex Minkowski, the renowned French neonatologist and leftwing activist, he spent a year's sabbatical in Paris which fully confirmed his love affair with that country. His first wife, Madeleine, who died prematurely, herself contributed an essential element to the warm family atmosphere so characteristic of Leonard's department. By her he had four children of whom he was intensely proud. He was fortunate to find happiness a second time with Susan and their extended family of children and stepchildren. They retired to Volx off the Rhône Valley, where former colleagues and pupils were made welcome, introduced to the village and taken to eat at Leonard's favourite restaurants.

His retirement was marked by an international seminar, held at the home of Claude Bernard, the great 19th-century French physiologist. It was attended by a galaxy of world leaders in foetal physiology. At its formal dinner, Leonard commented that France was, of all the countries in the world, the most civilised one in which to live. Visits to his home made it clear that community and village life in Volx fully confirmed his happy earlier impression.

He was a fine doctor, a fine scientist, a fine friend and fine human being.

Robert Boyd

Leonard Strang, paediatrician, born May 13, 1925; died June 24, 1997

Thoughtful, caring and thorough ... Leonard Strang, leading paediatrician

Arthur Prysock

FEW enthusiasts today know much about the ballad singers of rhythm and blues or care for the velvety, rotund delivery that made Arthur Prysock, who has died age 68, a hero for the African-American community.

Born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Prysock sang in a Connecticut nightclub before, in 1944, joining Buddy Johnson's band. The handsome Prysock wooed female fans with his deep, caressing tones and thanks to hits like *They All Say I'm the Biggest Fool* (1946) he remained with Johnson until 1952.

As a solo act in the 1950s and 1960s he recorded romantic pop ballads like *I Didn't Sleep a Wink Last Night*, *The Very Thought of You* and *It's Too Late Baby, Too Late*.

In 1966 Prysock recorded an album with Count Basie. During the 1970s he worked with his brother, tenor saxophonist Wilbert "Red" Prysock, and had an unexpected disco hit with *When Love Was New* in 1978. After a decade without much high-profile work he released *A Rockin' Good Way* and *This Guy's In Love With You* in the mid-1980s.

In 1990 he appeared with his brother at the Northsea Jazz Festival in the Hague. Since the 1960s he had filled annual bookings in Bermuda, where he had lived for some years.

Tony Russell

Arthur Prysock, singer, born January 2, 1925; died June 21, 1997

Death Notices

CLAPP. Psychotherapist, peacefully at home on July 2nd 1997. Jo. Loving wife of John and mother of Zoe, Thomas and Benjamin. Funeral service at St. John at Hampstead, Church Row on July 10th at 2.00pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers welcome and donations to Marie Curie. All enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead NW3 4QS. Telephone 0171 586 4321.

DONOGHUE. (Martin,F.) (Cap R.c., Peacefully on 2nd July 1997 at his home, fortified by rites of Holy Mother Church. Martin aged 77 years. Dearly loved husband of Mary, much loved father of Catherine and David. Patricia and Tom, a precious grandad of Damian, Gemma, Christopher, Timothy and Ciaran. Martin will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. A former Headmaster of Haveley Hey Primary School, and former Teacher of Barlow Hall and St Nicholas, Arcwick, also a Treasurer of M.S.F.A. Martin will be received into St Luke's R.C. Church, Salford, on Monday 7th July at 7pm. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 8th July at 12 noon, prior to interment at Wardley Cemetery. All enquiries please to Leithwaite Funerals Service. Tel: 0161 738 1414.

HONEY. On July 2nd at The Princess Grace Hospital, Joyce, beloved wife of Tim, mother of Ruth and Tom and devoted grandmother, after a long battle with cancer borne with immense courage. Funeral at St. Peter's Church, Mount Park Rd, Ealing on Thursday 10th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to the trustees of Guys and St. Thomas Hospital, account no. CD001 for cancer research. All enquiries to W. S. Bond Funeral Directors, 19 Bond St, Ealing W5 5AP, telephone 0181 567 0422.

REINOLD. On July 3rd 1997, peacefully at home. Hilda Margaret aged 87 years, the beloved wife of the late Hans, dear mother, grandmother and friend. Funeral and committal service will be held at St Barnabas Church, Heaton, Bradford, West Yorkshire on Thursday July 10th at 1.45pm. Cremation private, friends please meet at the church. Family flowers only please by request but donations in lieu may be sent to the Abbeyfield Bradford Society, c/o The Secretary, 28 North Park Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD9 4NU.

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Heather Child

Decoration and diplomacy

HEATHER Child, who has died aged 85, was both a successful artist and an administrator who helped guide the modern crafts movement through the formative years of the 1960s and 1970s.

Her early interest in the art of the book was evident when, as a child, with the encouragement of her parents, she produced illustrated manuscripts. At 17, she enrolled at Chelsea College of Art to study book illustration, and later specialised in calligraphy.

After leaving college, she was elected to the Arts and Crafts Exhibition Society, and became a craft member of the Society of Scribes and Illuminators (SSI). Her artistic career was interrupted by wartime service with the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Unit.

In the late 1940s, she returned to London where she resumed a life as a freelance calligrapher which was to last for more than 40 years. She had already produced an illustrated manuscript book of 196 pages, *The Wildflowers of Ashley Chase*, (1939) for Sir David and Lady Milne-Watson, on whose estate she had lived and worked, and in 1956 she provided the 345 line illustrations for the *Collins Pocket Guide to Wild Flowers*; her heraldic skills were used when she designed the arms of the City Guilds for St Paul's Cathedral for the Festival of Britain. These were later used in John Bromley's *The Armorial Bearings of the Guilds of London* (1960) and for the shields in Guildhall. Her love of cartography resulted in richly illustrated maps, including the Wessex of Thomas Hardy's novels and the Pilgrim Route from London to Canterbury.

These led to her first book, *Decorative Maps* (1956), now a collectors' item. Many other publications followed, including *Heraldic Design* (1965) and three editions of *Calligraphy Today* which gave a comprehensive account of the craft since William Morris.

Her impeccable research gave Child the reputation of being the most reliable authority. She spent many years editing the papers of Edward Johnston, leader of the 20th-century revival of calligraphy, published in 1971 as *Formal Penmanship*. In 1986, she produced a second volume of Johnston's papers, *Lessons in Formal Writing*.

From the early 1950s, Child was an invaluable committee member of many craft organisations. Having held various administrative posts within the SSI, in 1964 she was asked to become its first chairman and to unite factions within the society at a crucial time of internal division. Her diplomacy, steadfastness and noncombative approach to meetings led the society into a period of renewed strength and increased membership.

Her wide interest in all crafts made her an ideal chairman of the British Federation of Craft Societies and it was during her time in this role that she was awarded an MBE (1975). She also advised the Crafts Advisory Committee (later the Crafts Council) and was one of the first trustees of the Crafts Study Centre, Bath, to which she donated a large part of her collection of calligraphy.

In 1977 she returned to Hampshire, where she shared a house with her friend, Dorothy Colles, a portrait painter. This was the beginning of a highly productive partnership.

They provided inspiration and support for each other's work, and collaborated on several projects, notably *Christian Symbols* (1971), much of which had been researched while travelling in southern Europe and the Near East.

Child remained an enthusiastic trustee of the Crafts Study Centre, and became active in Southern Arts. She also edited a revised version of the *Calligraphers' Handbook*, and was keenly interested in the Calligraphy and Lettering Arts Society.

By nature modest and retiring, she always played down the importance and influence of her many tasks and gave much behind the scenes help, advice and encouragement to other craftsmen.

Drawn to illustrate ... Heather Child was also an accomplished calligrapher and cartographer

Heather Collins

Heather Child, calligrapher and author, born November 3, 1911; died June 16, 1997

Birthdays

Shami Ahmed, managing director, Joe Bloggs, 35; **Pierre Cardin**, fashion designer, 75; **Lord Carlisle**, former Conservative minister, 68; **David Cope**, director, UK Centre for Environment and Economic Development, 51; **Charles Dyer**, playwright, novelist and actor, 69; **Gretchen Franklin**, actress, 86; **Richard Fries**, Chief Charity Commissioner, 57; **Jeremy Guscott**, rugby player, 32; **Michael Howard**, MP, former Conservative Home Secretary, 56; **Prof Tom Husband**, mechanical engineer, 61; **Tony Jacklin**, golfer, 53; **Glenys Kinnock**, MEP, 53; **Hamish MacInnes**, mountaineer, 67; **Sir Christopher Mallaby**, ambassador to France, 61; **Gian Carlo Menotti**, composer, 86; **Alessandro Nannini**, racing driver, 38; **Bill Oddie**, actor and ornithologist, 56; **Camilla Parker Bowles**, 50; **Suzanne Romaine**, Merton Prof of English Language, Oxford University, 46; **Sir Steven Runciman** CH, historian of Byzantium, 94; **Ringo Starr**, former Beatle, 57; **Alan Walker**, cricketer, 35; **Joe Zawinul**, jazz pianist, 65.

Karl Ridderbusch

Warm tones on the bass line

KARL Ridderbusch, who has died aged 65, had a typically sonorous, evenly produced German bass voice. Allied to a confident delivery and his appreciable presence on stage, he became one of the leading interpreters in his *Fach* throughout the 1960s and 1970s, particularly noted for his performances in Wagner.

His career at Covent Garden began impressively with his Fasolt, Hunding and Hagen in the *Ring des Nibelungen* in 1971 and continued with a formidable König Heinrich in *Lohengrin*.

After his debut at the Bayreuth Festival as Fasolt in *Das Rheingold* and Titurel in *Parsifal*, he undertook all the major bass roles in Wagner there, culminating in Hans Sachs in *Die Meistersinger* in 1975, in which his warmth of personality made him a cobbler-poet of distinction.

He also appeared regularly at the Vienna State Opera and made his Metropolitan debut in New York as Hunding in Karajan's *Die Walküre* in 1967.

Born at Recklinghausen in the Rhineland, Ridderbusch studied at nearby Essen before making his debut at Münster in 1961. After a period at the opera house in Essen (1963-65), he moved to the Deutsche Oper am Rhein in Düsseldorf, which thereafter became his home, operatically speaking. There he established himself in the roles that soon took him to international recognition.

He also undertook major bass parts in Italian opera and made an impressive Boris Godunov, roles that he hardly ever sang outside his native land, and was recognised in Germany as an able comedian, notably as Baron Ochs in *Der Rosenkavalier* and as Dr Bartolo in *Le Nozze di Figaro*.

During the years of his prime, Ridderbusch was much in demand in the recording studios, most notably in recordings conducted by Karajan who cast him as Fafner and Hagen in his *Ring*, as Rocco in *Fidelio*, as Pogner in *Die Meistersinger* and King Mark in *Tristan und Isolde*, all roles in which he created character by means of sound alone and through his expressive phrasing.

HE IS also memorable as the impresario La Roche in Karl Böhm's noted recording of *Capriccio*, an overweening character whose foibles are keenly portrayed by Ridderbusch, and in the title role of Cornelius's *The Barber of Bagdad*, where his comic abilities are to the fore.

All are sung with the rounded, forthright manner that made him famous. His positive qualities were also in evidence in his contributions to many choral works, among them Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, in which his control on the bottom line of the solo quartet was always admirable.

Ridderbusch had a warm, appealingly firm voice, throughout all its registers. The fact that he sang such a true line, in roles that are sometimes barked, brought him into favour with Karajan, who always preferred musicality to brawn in his singers. Indeed at times Ridderbusch's good manners, vocally speaking, made it hard to believe in the villains he was asked to portray.

Off stage he was a jovial bon viveur and a generous colleague. He was twice married.

Alan Blyth

Karl Ridderbusch, bass, born May 19, 1922; died June 21, 1997

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Murdoch row splits BSkyB

Maggie Brown

WAR broke out in the troubled BSkyB boardroom yesterday as directors of Britain's dominant pay television operator reacted angrily to comments from Rupert Murdoch that shares in the company had been heavily *overvalued*.

In recent weeks shares in BSkyB have fallen from almost £7 to 444p and yesterday Mr Murdoch, who *owns* 40 per cent of the company, was *quoted* in an unsigned article in the Sunday Times as responding: "I cannot understand the fuss. BSkyB was grossly overpriced." The Sunday Times is owned by Mr Murdoch's News Corporation.

His remarks, which come just as a brand new management is being installed, were described by one director as "unbelievable". Another said: "I have never seen anything like it. Why is he talking down the share price?"

Insiders feel he is preparing to take much closer control of BSkyB, the most successful by far of his global ventures into multichannel satellite television. They wonder whether he may be trying to persuade minority shareholders, including Granada with 10 per cent — to sell out, even though they have resolutely refused to do so in the past.

It coincides with an unsettling period. The company has announced the resignations of chief executive Sam Chisholm, who crafted its spectacular progress, and his deputy David Chance, while Mr Murdoch's 28-year-old daughter, Elisabeth, has advanced in the company.

BSkyB may also be facing problems on another front. British Interactive Broadcasting, the controversial partnership between BSkyB and British Telecom, may become bogged down and even outlawed by Europe's competition authorities.

Don Cruickshank, director-general of the telecommunications watchdog, Oftel, said that BIB — one of whose intentions is to subsidise the introduction of set-top boxes for interactive TV — has not received a regulatory clean bill of health.

It has emerged that the consortium only recently formally notified Brussels' competition directorate, DG4, of its plans which will need an exemption under the Treaty of Rome which prohibits anti-competitive agreements.

Any possible setback to the launch of the £265 million joint venture is likely to upset further BSkyB's share price. At issue is how BIB, which will have a potential monopoly, plans to recover the subsidy which will make decoders and electronic programme guides affordable. They will retail at *about* £200 when the real cost is £400.

This could take the form of levies on service providers, and rival broadcasters and the Office of Fair Trading will collate evidence. "This is a serious hurdle, not to be taken for granted," a competition expert said.

BT has already said it would like to float the company on the stock market if it succeeds in creating the dominant platform for digital TV services, although this will not take place until next spring at the earliest.

BT has said it regards the field of interactive services as too new for the threat of a monopoly position to pose too great a problem and Mr Cruickshank has admitted that the consortium could be "good news for consumers".

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Economics Notebook

Lords of the Net will inherit Earth

Victor Keegan

AN IMPORTANT announcement was made on Budget day last week that will greatly influence the way the world economy evolves in future years. But it wasn't in the Budget. It was President Bill Clinton's surprise decision to seek international agreement to make the Internet a global duty-free zone.

The man who so recently failed to impose draconian anti-libertarian controls on the Net and who also tried to prevent the export of secure encryption codes (which could make financial transac*tions on the Internet secure*) has had a conversion on the road to RAM-ascus.

He wants to encourage the development of the Internet as a parallel world economy, with internationally agreed standards for levying tax but which is not suffocated by beggar-my-neighbour duty increases.

Mr Clinton, of course, has national-interest motives. He *realises that the Internet* — the worldwide network of computers offering instantaneous access to almost anything — is the hub around which the information technology revolution revolves. It is likely to be the biggest source of economic growth and the US is in pole position to turn it into its own digital fiefdom.

Among numerous other things, the Internet is an electronic trading post that cuts out the middleman. Cutting out those in the middle is one of the great secrets of commercial success. That's why Amazon, the Seattle-based Internet bookseller, which takes orders from all over the world — turnover $16 million (£10 million) in the first quarter of the year — can claim to be the world's biggest bookstore.

Soon it will be commonplace for consumers to scour Net sites around the world for the cheapest price of "commodity products", from cars to airline tickets, before taking delivery from specialist global firms. The country which cuts out the middlemen quickest will get the lion's share of the trade.

NO ONE really knows why economies perform differently, though theorising on the subject keeps thousands of economists employed. We have a better idea of what *stops* them growing — like an over-valued exchange rate of the kind that afflicts Britain today (and which will retard our success in the digital revolution unless something is done about it).

At the start of the 1990s, it was widely accepted that economies like the US, the UK and Canada were spent forces, and the official statistics seemed to prove it. All three countries recorded a contraction in their economies in 1991 (while Germany was steaming away at 5 per cent) following low or negative growth the previous year.

Now it looks very different. The US, the UK and Canada are storming ahead while Germany, France, and even Japan appear to be stalled.

Why? Doubtless, this is partly explained by cyclical factors and deflationary forces induced by the dash to qualify for Maastricht.

But there is another reason. According to an OECD study, the good performance of these three countries coincides with their active use of information technology.

The adoption of IT isn't a panacea (ask Japan) but when it goes side by side with abolition of hierarchical structures (getting rid of the middleman again) then it can dramatically speed up managerial decisions. According to the OECD, the instantaneous sharing of information across different tiers of an organisa*tion compels firms to move* away from time-consuming consensus towards speedy top-down judgments.

A STUDY in Sweden showed that flexible firms with decentralised management were 20 to 60 per cent more productive, with less staff turnover. The increasingly short life-span of IT products requires a swifter *response to the market.*

There is a high correlation between IT and the expansion of the service industries. At the national level, the OECD finds that deregulation — as seen in telecommunications — leads to new entrants coming in and, pretty soon after that, to lower prices. And lower prices attract more customers. Which is why the countries and the companies that exploit the Internet first will inherit the Earth.

The US is already doing this with a vengeance. Some economists reckon that the whole of the increase in its gross domestic product is related to the Internet. At present, America makes nearly all of the software and most of the hardware for the digital revolution, and dominates the Internet.

President Clinton knows that if the Internet becomes a global free-trade area, then America could clean up.

But it doesn't have to. The advantages of the Net that Mr Clinton refers to — like the ability of one person working from home to have direct access to a market of hundreds of millions of people — is equally open to people living anywhere: one example is the much quoted black pudding company in Yorkshire which sells around the world through the Internet.

But this is the exception. A Reuters survey found that only 7 per cent of British companies did business over the Net, while 4 per cent used it to confirm deals.

This must change. The Government plans to make schoolchildren more info-literate, *but businesses need to* be more aware as well. Perhaps our best response to the digital revolution would be to turn ourselves back into a nation of shopkeepers.

Brown presses for shopfloor stakeholders

Keith Harper

A FUNDAMENTAL inquiry into how big business can introduce democracy into the workplace and give staff the chance to influence company strategy has been ordered by the Chancellor, Gordon Brown.

In a move designed to transform attitudes in the office and on the shop floor, Mr Brown has told economic departments that he wants to use new *management techniques* to improve companies' performance.

The Chancellor hopes to avoid conflict in the workplace by sidetracking the unions. As well as rewarding employees for contributing to company prosperity, the Government could give staff voting rights attached to shares.

A senior ministerial source said yesterday: "It means that people would be encouraged to take a stake in the long-term future of their company, which would lead to a greater stability in industrial relations."

One of the trial businesses could be British Airways. Although it is enmeshed in an embarrassing confrontation with sections of its work force, its chief executive, Bob Ayling, is keen to expand corporate governance to include employee directors.

Mr Brown has asked an inner group of advisers to investigate employee share ownership schemes, which would give staff an immediate interest in the long-term future of their company.

But the Government would oppose a return to old Labour's idea of a 50/50 representation of unions on an advisory board. The emphasis would be on development of "stakeholder capitalism".

However, in Britain at present, many share ownership *schemes are just aimed at* senior executives, and in those which are open to other staff, the proportion of employee ownership is only about 5 per cent.

Mr Brown's inner group has been asked to see if it can simplify the structure for passing shares on to the work force. Studies in the United States have shown that employee shareholding and participation result in more jobs, productivity, sales and profits.

The Government's aim is to make employment participation an important part of its economic strategy. Mr Brown has privately told advisers that he would like to see a move away from the lack of job security and the growth of short-term contracts, which have been the benchmark of labour relations in the 1980s and 1990s.

Formula One team gains a £2.7m fan

BRITAIN'S pole position in *Formula One* engineering has been reinforced by the completion of a £2.7 million wind tunnel for the Jordan motor-racing team. Testing in the tunnel, which has been *built near the team's Silverstone* base, begins today.

Aerodynamics account for 80 per cent of a Formula One car's performance and the project is part of a *£5 million investment pro*gramme announced by the team's owner, Eddie Jordan (pictured in the wind tunnel).

PHOTOGRAPH: CHARLIE BIBBY

Welfare state 'is ripe for sell-off'

Dan Atkinson

HEALTHCARE, pensions, disability payments and a many other benefits ought to be privatised across Europe, a cross-party think-tank suggests today.

Insurance companies should create a "new range of products that could privatise large tracts of health and welfare provision", the European Policy Forum says.

So great are the financial strains on existing welfare systems that future generations may decide to "renege on promises made by previous groups of voters because they may become unaffordable or because voters have other political priorities".

To head off this conflict, the report, The Insurance Solution, by Philip Booth and Gerry Dickinson, says governments should privatise large chunks of the welfare state. "A massive expansion of insurance can finance health, pensions, long-term care and disability at a time when state social provision can no longer be financed."

Insurance companies are ready and able to do the job, the forum says. "Private insurance markets could in principle be suppliers in nearly all major areas in which social security provision currently exists." Only one field, insuring against long-term unemployment, poses significant problems for private enterprise, according to the report.

The authors say their proposals do not necessarily entail the end of wealth redistribution: "These problems [with traditional welfare states] *do not mean, of course,* that income should not be redistributed through the political system."

French clear Eurotunnel

Mark Milner
Deputy Financial Editor

EUROTUNNEL has been cleared by a French judicial inquiry of any responsibility for the fire which badly damaged a section of the Channel tunnel last November, according to the company's chairman, Patrick Ponsolle.

Though the findings have yet to be made public, Mr Ponsolle told the Europe 1 radio station yesterday that the inquiry had already shown Eurotunnel's installations and systems were not to blame.

"Neither Eurotunnel nor the lorry company is responsible," he said. He declined to comment on whether the fire might have been caused by arson. The news comes at the beginning of a crucial week for Eurotunnel with its shareholders due to vote on Thursday on a financial package to restructure the group's £9 billion debt.

The deal, which also has to be approved by Eurotunnel's bankers, includes a debt-for-equity swap which will sharply reduce the 700,000 shareholders' stake in the company. Eurotunnel has warned that if shareholders vote down the deal the company will face bankruptcy.

Until recently it looked as if the plan could be defeated by shareholders, but a carrot-and-stick combination of a governmental extension to Eurotunnel's franchise and the threat that the French and UK authorities would allow the banks to take over the company in the case of a "no" vote, appears to have increased its chances of success.

Mr Ponsolle's main concern now appears to be whether enough shareholders will vote on Thursday. Those representing at least 25 per cent of the shares must vote for the decision to count or yet another meeting will have to be organised.

Pru added to list of reported bidders for NatWest

Dan Atkinson

NATWEST yesterday refused to comment on reports linking it with a possible merger with the insurance group Prudential.

The troubled banking group has been rumoured either to have been in talks with or been stalked by as many as 30 institutions during the past 18 months.

"If we commented on every one of them we wouldn't have got very far," said a NatWest spokesman.

NatWest was also linked at the weekend to the Halifax group, which was Britain's biggest building society until its conversion to company status.

The bank's only public reaction to the rumours was a request for the Takeover Panel to ask Barclays Bank to clarify its intentions. The panel rejected the request.

It is understood there have been no formal talks between NatWest and Barclays.

News in brief

Low pay knows no boundaries

There is no North-South divide in levels of pay, only severe inequalities within different regions, new research claims today. A study by the Low Pay Unit finds low-paid workers all over Britain, but with women in all areas consistently earning less than men.

The findings *show the pro*portion of low paid, full-time employees in the North, for example, range from 13 per cent in Middlesbrough to 24 per cent in Hartlepool. In the South-west, it ranges from 8 per cent in South Gloucestershire to 27 per cent in Cornwall.

50 mini Waterstone's

Waterstone's, the bookshop chain, is to open a *string of* smaller stores in 50 towns across the country to complement its medium and large outlets, owner WH Smith said yesterday. The mini-branches will measure about 2,500 sq ft, against the current range of 4,500-10,000 sq ft, and sites will include Altrincham, Bury St Edmunds, Camberley, Ayr, Rugby, Scarborough, Truro and Yeovil.

GEC readied for re-engineering

This week

Mark Milner

GEC is expected to take the wraps off a wide-ranging operational review, which *could lead* to radical restructuring of the engineering and defence combine, when it reports full-year figures tomorrow.

Analysts believe GEC may sell its stake in the telecommunications equipment maker GPT and float off its holding in Anglo-French power and trains group GEC-Alsthom. That would leave GEC, which has been riven by boardroom differences in recent months, free to concentrate on building up its defence electronics business, Marconi, where British Aerospace and Italy's Alenia are tipped as possible partners.

Later in the week, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee meets to discuss interest rates. The City is primed for a rise in bank base rates of a full point over the next few months to 7.5 per cent, with some analysts reckoning rates could reach 8 per cent. Opinions are divided, however, about whether the Bank will move so soon after the Budget.

This morning, shareholders in the Woolwich will find out how big their windfalls will be when its shares begin trading. They are expected to change hands at around 330p each, although some analysts say the price could be higher.

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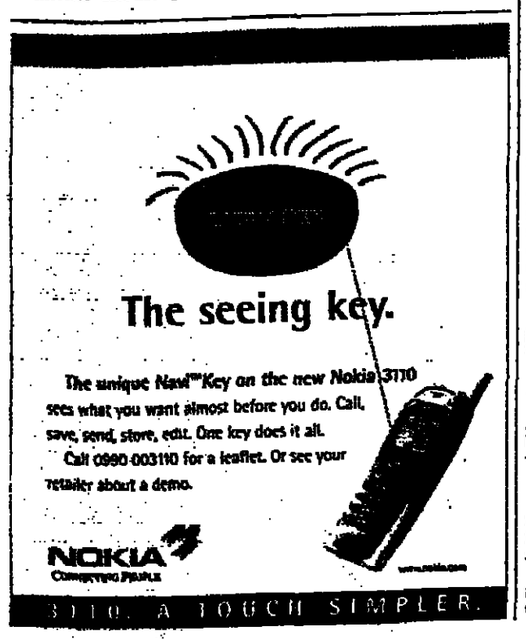

Golden vision . . . Shane Warne scored the second half-century of his Test career but it was Warne the bowler who has haunted England in this game. Only the weather can stop Australia from levelling the series today PHOTOGRAPH: CHRIS TURVEY

England v Australia: third Test, fourth day

England on skid row

Mike Selvey sees Steve Waugh's second century take Australia to a position to level the series

NORMAL Ashes service was resumed at Old Trafford. So completely have Australia taken over the third Test that anyone tuning in to television's coverage yesterday might have been forgiven for thinking Channel 5 was re-running yet more old footage.

Only by the skin of their teeth did the England batsmen avoid the indignity of being bowled out in less than two sessions to lose the match yesterday. Instead they must resume today knowing that nothing should prevent Australia from taking the Test and squaring the series.

Yesterday was a body-blow to the hopes of those who saw the one-day triumphs and the win at Edgbaston as precursors to a triumphal England procession around the country's Test grounds.

In the morning, armed with the new ball, the England seamers set the agenda by conceding 30 runs from the first three overs and, when Mark Taylor halted the Australian second innings at 395 for eight 20 minutes after lunch, 132 had been added in 37 overs. Steve Waugh reached his second century of the match, Shane Warne the second half-century of his Test career and the ninth-wicket pair of Paul Reiffel and Jason Gillespie had knocked about the remnants of the attack with an unbeaten stand of 62.

It left England requiring 469 but, given that no Test side have ever made more than 145 to win on this ground, a more realistic ambition was to bat through the minimum 122 overs. It did not go well, five wickets going for 84, four of them for 11 runs in five overs — to Gillespie's pace and Warne's twirl — before John Crawley's half-century and another exemplary display of doggedness from Mark Ealham saw England through the final 17 overs. It spared them the ignominy of Taylor claiming the discretionary extra half-hour to try to finish it.

Crawley had his good fortune for, on 10, his fierce cut was parried by Matthew Elliott in the gully, the spot usually occupied by Steve Waugh who generally clings on. Even so, 130 for five on a wearing pitch with the weather set fair is not a promising position from which to start the last day. Now it is about pride.

There can be no excuses for the capitulation, with batsmen the architects of their own downfalls as much as victims of the Australian bowling. After the dampness of the first two days the pitch has dried out, playing more consistently as a result.

And, if there were large patches of rough for Warne to try to exploit, then none contributed to a single wicket. Instead England will have gone back to their hotel last night pondering the difference between a positive attitude, even in adversity, and wantonness.

For more than an hour, though, as Mike Atherton and Mark Butcher appeared to have taken the sting out of the new ball with a stand of 44, it at least seemed as though Australia would be made to work hard for their victory. There was little of the playing and missing of the first innings from Butcher and, when Atherton swivelled and hooked Gillespie into the crowd for six, anything — even a female streaker to break up the tedious stream of male versions — seemed possible.

However, Atherton played back to Gillespie to be leg-before and a sorry procession started that saw Alec Stewart beaten by Warne's flight and dip and bowled through not so much the gate as a barn door. Nasser Hussain was also leg-before to Gillespie, although he might have had grounds for complaint, and Butcher's exuberance got the better of him. McGrath doing wonderfully well to sprint and dive at long-leg to cling on to a top-edged hook.

Even Thorpe, never one to sell his wicket cheaply, got into the spirit, spending nearly an hour over seven and then dabbing tamely at a wide ball going wider and edging it to Ian Healy.

The morning belonged to Steve Waugh, who had put Australia in the driving seat during the first innings with a thirteenth Test hundred. Although that effort lasted barely 3½ hours — rapid by Test standards — his runs came almost stealthily, as if the batsman himself was moving his total along on the scoreboard while no one was watching. This time he chiselled out runs with pragmatism and sheer will-power.

For five hours he had winced his way through Saturday, playing with no bottom hand after it had been smacked by a ball from Caddick, but he still managed to get to 82, consolidating the position that he and Warne had worked so hard to establish.

This was one century he was not going to flag away. Singles took him from 97 to 99 before a clip through mid-wicket brought his second hundred. He keeps illustrious company now: Bardsley, Sutcliffe, Hammond, Compton and the last of them, Morris, losing not a jot by comparison. This is a great batsman.

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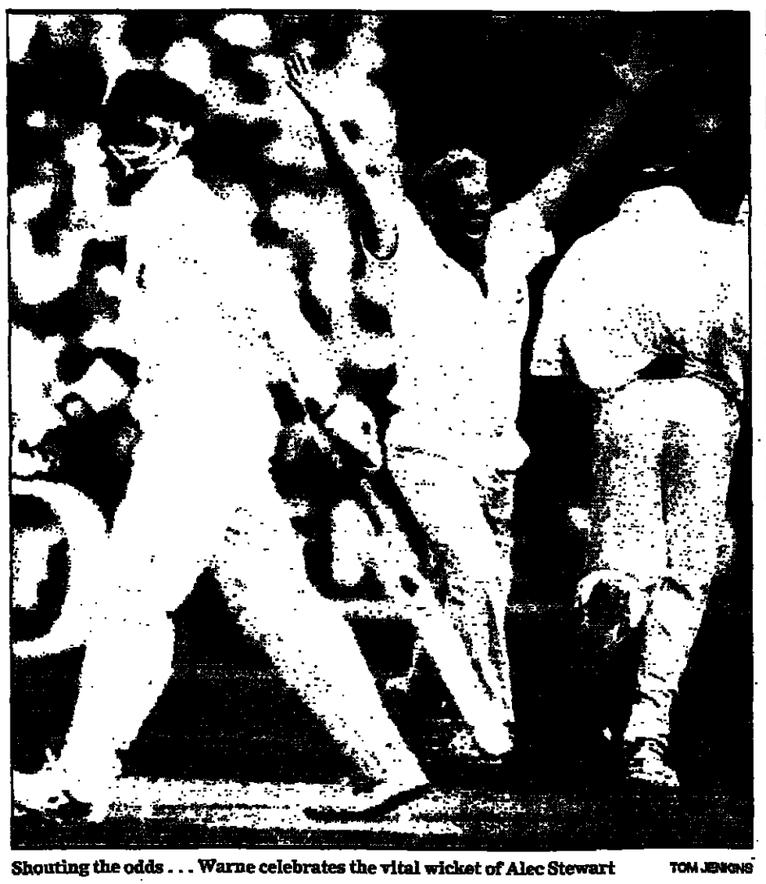
Old Trafford scoreboard

AUSTRALIA First Innings 235 (S R Waugh 108; Headley 4–72).

ENGLAND
First Innings (overnight; 161–6)
M A Ealham not out 94
A R Caddick c M E Waugh b Warne 15
D W Headley b McGrath 0
Extras (b4, lb3, nb2) 9
Total (for 10, 84.4 overs) 168
Fall of wickets each 161.
Bowlings McGrath 23.4–9–40–3; Reiffel 9–3–14–0; Warne 30–14–48–6; Gillespie 14–3–39–0; Bevan 8–5–14–1.

AUSTRALIA
Second Innings
M T G Elliott c Butcher b Headley 11
*M A Taylor c Butcher b Headley 1
G S Blewett c Hussain b Croft 18
M E Waugh b Ealham 55
S R Waugh c Stewart b Headley 116
M G Bevan c Atherton b Headley 0
†I A Healy c Butcher b Croft 47
S K Warne c Stewart b Caddick 53
P R Reiffel not out 45
J N Gillespie not out 26
Extras (b1, lb13, nb6) 20
Total (for 8 dec. 122 overs) 395
Fall of wickets: 5, 33, 39, 131, 132, 210, 298, 333.
Did not bat: G D McGrath.
Bowlings Gough 20–3–82–0; Headley 22–4–104–4; Croft 39–12–105–2; Ealham 13–8–41–1; Caddick 21–0–59–1.

ENGLAND
Second Innings
M A Butcher c McGrath b Gillespie 28
*M A Atherton lbw b Gillespie 23
†A J Stewart b Warne 7
N Hussain lbw b Gillespie 1
G P Thorpe c Healy b Warne 7
J P Crawley not out 83
M A Ealham not out 5
Extras (b11, lb1, w1, nb1) 14
Total (for 5, 51 overs) 130
Fall of wickets: 44, 46, 50, 65, 84.
To bat: R D B Croft, D Gough, A R Caddick, D W Headley.
Bowlings McGrath 10–2–24–0; Gillespie 12–4–31–3; Reiffel 3–0–8–0; Warne 15–7–21–2; Bevan 8–2–34–0.
Umpires: G Sharp and S Venkataraghavan.



Shouting the odds . . . Warne celebrates the vital wicket of Alec Stewart TOM JENKINS

England on the slide . . . Warne strikes again as Thorpe is caught by Healy CLIVE MASON

Gimme an S gimme a W

Matthew Engel on the two brilliant players who give Australia the winning edge

BOTH men are Australians with the initials S W. They have been the two dominant figures of the Old Trafford Test, with the other 20 participants left miles behind. If Australia do keep the Ashes, they will probably be the main reasons; England have no answer to either of them. They are among the handful of truly great cricketers on the planet. Other than that, they have very little in common.

Off the field, they spend little time together. Steve Waugh is thought to have been aghast when Shane Warne first bounced into the Australian dressing-room six years ago. As one Aussie put it, Waugh would rather jump off the pavilion than wear one of Warne's earrings.

Warne is the most photogenic cricketer in the world, a man who oozes star quality and knows it. Waugh has spent more than 10 hours batting over the past four days, but still the photographers have been complaining it is hard to get a decent shot of him. He keeps his head down the whole time, partly because his technique is so correct, partly out of natural diffidence.

Warne, even more than Brian Lara, is the ultimate 1990s cricketer. Waugh could have fitted into any Australian team in any era. He could be on any of the cigarette cards, chewing his gum. This is what England have been up against these past 120 years: generations of batsmen of utter determination. And Waugh is the archetype: unsmiling, unflustered, uncompromising, and on this form, unbowlable.

Because there is so much more Test cricket than there used to be, Test match records fall all the time nowadays. Most of the big ones are very recent. Only a handful — like Jessop's 75-minute hundred in 1902 and Sidney Barnes's 49 wickets in a series in 1913–14 — have resisted all assaults for long.

It was thus extraordinary that, in more than 50 years and not far off 150 matches, no one until yesterday had scored two hundreds in an Ashes Test. This was a feat even Bradman never managed — usually because his first century was big enough for him not to need a second. There is no obvious reason why no one else, on either side, has done it since the fuel-crisis winter of 1947. Usually, when you look up these sorts of stats, Ken Barrington turns out to have done it. But not this one.

Waugh joined this pantheon with a pair of innings that will never linger in the memory as entertainment. But, single-handed, while the other batsmen floundered, he re-established the arrangement to which England followers have had to become accustomed; their boot on our chest.

For once, Warne's performance was less eye-catching yesterday. He took only two of the five England wickets. The batsmen could not hit him and he failed to run through them, so what seemed like about half the male population of Lancashire got bored as well as pissed, and decided to run on the field in sequence. Too idle even to take their breeches off, most of them. Even the standard of British streaking has gone down.

The England innings was interrupted on eight separate occasions. This might have been disastrous had England been fighting a heroic, Horatius Atherton at the bridge, rearguard action. But there was not much concentration to break. Atherton himself went barmy and hit a six (if he has done that before in Test cricket, no one could remember it) off Gillespie before getting out to him. Short of a loudspeaker announcement, it would be hard to imagine a more clear-cut statement that England had decided the best they could do was to go down fighting.

Warne was taking the wickets, even the ones that fell at the other end. He could legitimately add Gillespie's three yesterday afternoon to his career total of 251. To an extent not seen since Melbourne in 1994-95, he gave England the screaming heebie-jeebies just by being there. He hardly turned the ball except when it landed in the bowlers' footmarks. But the batsmen lived in constant fear of what he might do.

The dismissal of Alec Stewart was the most vivid illustration of this. Did the ball fizz off in a weird direction, like a fly just escaping the swatter? It did not. It was dead straight and Stewart, expecting turn, prodded forward and it squeezed through the tiny gap between bat and pad. This was an undignified way for a batsman in his 66th Test match to get out, but understandable. There is no easy answer to Warne. What everyone knows now is that the gloves are off in this Test series. If not, in every case, the trousers.

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PARTING SHOT

Wave band . . . competitors at the 1997 British Surf Championships, sponsored by The Guardian, get the sand between their toes as the summer sun casts its long shadows at Sennen Cove in west Cornwall

Photograph by Sam Morgan

And now a word, or two, from my sponsor

SCREEN BREAK

Martin Kelner

I MAY have the solution to some of the BBC's financial problems. There is probably something in the BBC charter that forbids it but would it really bring the concept of public-service broadcasting to its knees if Test Match Special were sold off to the highest bidder?

The idea came to me while listening to a prolonged discussion about Aggers's umbrella. As is often the case with TMS, one misses the start of some running gag but this one seemed to hinge on *Jonathan Agnew having left* his umbrella somewhere he should not have been.

Fred Trueman weighed in with his umbrella anecdote. He had left his brolly on the train between Liverpool Street and Colchester, and, er, that was it. "It's a big white umbrella with The People on it in orange letters. If anyone finds it, it's mine," quipped Fred.

"Stone me [or words to that effect]," I found myself gasping. "He even carries a freebie umbrella."

I have to admit to being a little jaundiced having spent a week once travelling around with a former football manager who now makes his living on the after-dinner speaking circuit. Each night after about three-quarters-of-an-hour of well-worn anecdotes he was passed surreptitiously a little brown envelope containing — in cash — about four times as much as I was being paid for writing a feature about him.

There is nothing wrong with that, of course. We are all supply-siders now. But I do feel slightly uneasy about the portion of my licence fee *which goes towards former* sports stars advertising their availability for this highly profitable work, which is what they do effectively each time they mention the gig they have done the previous night or plug the one to come. And an awful lot of this goes on on Test Match Special.

Meanwhile, alongside the individual pluggery there is team pluggery too. TMS celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and there is a book out charting the history of the programme. I have not seen the book but I can tell you it is published by Andre Deutsch. I can also tell you that the champagne for the launch party was provided by Veuve Clicquot. Much thanks was offered for the generosity of the champagne people and also of those who supplied the various biscuits, chocolate truffles in the shape of cricket balls and other goodies that found their way into the commentary box at Old Trafford.

I am not against the boys enjoying themselves. It helps make great relaxed radio. I just feel it would not be the end of civilisation as we know it were it to be called, say, Lloyds Bank Test Match Special and so, for once, it carried an advert that had been paid for.

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Money, of course, not only talks in sport these days. It sings and dances, nowhere more so than in tennis, where the teenager Martina Hingis picked up £373,000 for her Saturday job in a South London suburb. But, whereas in Premier League soccer the increased rewards are felt to *contribute towards some top* stars behaving like spoilt children, the fortunes sloshing around tennis seem to have been a wholly benign influence.

Take the interview Richard Krajicek gave to the BBC's Wimbledon programme after his defeat by Tim Henman. Despite much prompting, the ultra-polite Dutchman resisted the temptation to blame his defeat by Saint Timbo on the aggressive chauvinism of the crowd who cheered wildly his every double fault, ascribing his downfall instead to flaws in his own game and the quality of Tim's.

This was professionalism at its best, a quality that seems to have been embraced by almost all the players. The bad behaviour of previous champ*ionships has all but disap*peared, so much so that Michael Stich's outburst against the umpire in his semi-final came as something of a shock.

I heard it on Radio Five Live, where the coverage hosted by the always excellent John Inverdale has been exemplary. Inverdale, like Des and indeed Aggers, is a true pro. We cherish these guys. I just do not think it would be irredeemably corrupting if they had the name of the sponsor printed on their umbrellas.

TV SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Today

Live Cricket England v Australia, final day of the third Test from Old Trafford. *BBC1, 10.50am-12.35pm and 1.40-4pm; BBC2, 12.35-1pm and 4-6.30pm; highlights BBC2, 11.15pm; Sky Sports 1, 8pm*
Live Cycling Tour de France, second stage. *Eurosport, 2pm; highlights C4, 6pm*
Live Athletics Stockholm Grand Prix. *Eurosport, 5pm; highlights BBC2, 6.30pm*
Racing From Windsor and Ripon. *Sky Sports 3, 6.30pm*

Tuesday 8

Football True Stories, Insight into Chelsea's YTS scheme. *C4, 9pm*
Live Cycling Tour de France. *Eurosport, 2pm; highlights C4, 6.30pm*
Racing From Newmarket. *C4, 2pm*
Live Boxing Bruno Wartelle v Andrei Sinepupov, lightweight bout. *Eurosport, 8pm*

Wednesday 9

Live Cricket Leics v Yorks, NatWest Trophy second round. *BBC2, 10.25am-12.45pm; 1.25-2.50pm and 4-7.30pm; BBC1, 2.50-4pm; highlights BBC1, 12.15am*
Live Golf Loch Lomond World Invitational, first day. *BBC1, 11.05am-12.35pm and 2.50-4pm; BBC2, 1.25-2.50pm and 4-7.30pm*
Racing From Newmarket. *C4, 1.55pm*
Live Cycling Tour de France. *Eurosport, 2pm; highlights C4, 6.30pm*
Live Athletics From Linz. *Eurosport, 6.15pm*

Thursday 10

Live Cycling Tour de France. *Eurosport, 2pm; highlights C4, 6pm*
Live Golf From Loch Lomond. *BBC2, 11am-12.30pm and 4-6pm; BBC1, 3-4pm*
Racing From Newmarket. *C4, 1.55pm*

Friday 11

Live Rugby League Castleford v Oldham. *Sky Sports 1, 7pm*
Live Golf From Loch Lomond. *BBC2, 11am-12.30pm and 2.05-6pm*
Racing From York. *C4, 1.55pm*
Live Cycling Tour de France. *Eurosport, 2pm; highlights C4, 6.30pm*

Saturday 12

Live Cricket Kent v Surrey, Benson and Hedges Cup final. *Sky Sports 1, 10.30am-2.30pm and 3-7.30pm; highlights BBC2, 8.10pm*
Live Rugby Union Australia v England. *Sky Sports 2, 10.30am*
Live Golf From Loch Lomond. *BBC2, 1.50-4.50pm*
Live Formula One British Grand Prix, qualifying. *ITV, 12.30pm*
Live Cycling Tour de France. *Eurosport, 2pm; highlights C4, 6.35pm*
Racing From York. *C4, 2.55pm*
Athletics UK World Ch'ships trials from Birmingham. *C4, 7.30pm*
Live Boxing Lennox Lewis v Henry Akinwande, WBC heavyweight title. *Sky Sports 1, 9pm*

Sunday 13

Live Formula One British GP. *ITV, 1pm*
Live Cycling Tour de France. *Eurosport, 2pm*
Athletics From Birmingham. *C4, 6.30pm*
Live Rugby League St Helens v Halifax. *Sky Sports 1, 6.30pm*

Weekend results

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING: South American: Chile 4 Colombia 1. **Oceania:** Australia 2 New Zealand (agg: 5–0).
WORLD YOUTH CUP (Malaysia): Final: Uruguay 1 Argentina 2. **3rd/4th place play-offs:** Ghana 1 Rep of Ireland 2.
TOUR MATCH: Beatrix 0 Celtic 21.
UEFA WOMEN'S FOOTBALL: Group B: Norway 0 Italy 2; Denmark 0 Germany 2

RUGBY UNION

THIRD TEST: South Africa 35 British Lions 16
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States 20 Wales 30

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE

Leeds	(18) 34
T: Gibson 2, Golden 2, Hassan, Mckeyd. G: Harris 5.	
Salford	(6) 18
T: Bibbsley, Martin, Watson G: Bibbsley 3 Att: 5,506	
Widnes	(8) 20
T: Alstron 2, Crumpton, Hill. G: Goodwin, Maloney.	
Sheffield	(15) 21
T: Doyle, Sawatsky, Turner. G: Aston 4. DG: Aston. Att: 2,189 (Hyde Utd FC)	
Paris	(8) 8
T: Evans. G: O'Connor, Robinson	
Castleford	(14) 20
T: Gay 2, Chapman, Lidden. G: Davis. DG: Davis 2 Att: 1,025	
St Helens	(8) 20
T: Arnold 2, Hayes, Long. G: Long 6	
Wakefield	(20) 38
T: Catland 2, Lowes 2, Bradley, Hodgson, Peacock. G: McNamara 5 Att: 10,000	
Warrington	(24) 26
T: Fenton, Penny, Roper, Tatupu. G: Briers 4. DG: Briers	
Halifax	(12) 22
T: Tuilagi 2, M Jackson, Moana. G: Schuster 3. Att: 4,548	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	18	18	0	0	571	302	36
Leeds	18	11	1	6	403	330	23
London	18	10	2	3	417	285	22
Wigan	18	10	0	8	484	353	20
St Helens	18	9	1	8	429	373	19
Salford	18	9	0	9	352	348	18
Halifax	17	7	1	9	418	402	15
Sheffield	18	6	0	10	397	434	12
Warrington	18	6	0	10	368	518	10
Oldham	18	3	1	11	397	425	7
Paris	18	3	0	13	332	471	6
Castleford	17	2	2	13	285	455	6

FIRST DIVISION

Featherstone	(18) 36
T: Hughes 2, Irwin, Kinnsell, Pratt, Slater, Strange. G: Chapman 3, Yetton	
Workington	(2) 2
Goals: Fisher Att: 1,484	
Huddersfield	(14) 18
T: Dixon, Schofield, Stone. G: Cook 3	
Hull	(18) 31
T: Dixon, Fisher, Gray, Haitas, Lester G: Hewitt 5. DG: Hewitt Att: 5,300	
Hull KR	(20) 28
T: Rouse 2, Chamberlain, Gane. G: Everitt 6.	
Swinton	(8) 8
T: Price-Jones. G: Pearce 2. Att: 2,834	
Wakefield	(14) 18
T: Holland, March, Proctor. G: McLaren 3.	
Widnes	(12) 20
T: Bloem, Garland, White. G: Bloem 4. Att: 1,455	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	18	17	1	1	551	228	35
Huddersfield	18	14	0	4	534	284	28
Keighley	18	10	1	7	394	296	21
Whitehaven	18	10	1	7	358	347	21
Dewsbury	18	9	0	9	319	389	18
Wakefield	18	8	1	9	346	398	17
Hull KR	19	7	1	11	397	451	15
Featherstone	18	8	1	11	352	367	13
Swinton	18	6	0	12	327	444	12
Widnes	18	6	0	12	250	491	12
Workington	18	4	0	14	312	451	8

SECOND DIVISION

Barrow	(10) 27
T: Atkinson, Burns, Chelton, Marwood, Mcmillan. G: Marwood 3. DG: Marwood.	
York	(18) 22
T: L Walsh 2, Hopcutt, Limb. G: Wright 3. Att: 861	
Hunslet	(24) 31
T: Tawhay 2, Coult, Plange, Southernwood G: S Ellis 5. DG: S Ellis.	
Batley	(10) 16
T: Clegg, Skelton, Turpin, G: Price 2. Att: 1,526	
Leigh	(12) 32
T: Sarsfield 2, Daniel, Jenkins, Nixon, Patel. G: Purtill 4	
Doncaster	(6) 6
T: England. G: Maskill. Att: 1,033.	
Rochdale	(32) 66
T: Pachniuk 4, Bunce 2, Appleby, Farrell, Gartland, Lowe, Morrison, Parr. G: Gartland 9.	
Carlisle	(10) 26
T: G Ruddy 3, Hughes, Manihera. G: Richardson 4 Att: 857.	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale	18	14	0	4	584	307	28
Hunslet	18	13	0	5	550	250	26
Leigh	18	13	0	5	487	305	26
Batley	18	12	0	6	522	387	24
Carlisle	18	12	0	7	492	374	24
Lemon Lynx	17	11	0	6	495	322	22
York	18	8	0	10	461	454	16
Barrow	18	8	0	12	305	601	12
Bramley	17	4	1	12	291	429	9
Doncaster	19	3	1	15	247	606	7
Prescot	18	2	0	16	225	671	4

ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull 30 Salford 18; Wakefield 18 Castleford 16; Warrington 32 Halifax 8.
AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Brisbane 50 Perth 14; Auckland 11 Cronulla 8. **Saturday:** Hunter Mariners 10 Adelaide 2. **Friday:** Penrith 26 North Queensland 33.
AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: Illawarra 16 North Sydney 8; Manly 46 South Queensland 12, South Sydney 2 Balmain 18. **Saturday:** Gold Coast 22 St George 14; Parramatta 20 Western Suburbs 18. **Friday:** Newcastle 14 Sydney City 14.

GOLF

IRISH OPEN (Druids Glen, Co Wicklow) **Leading final scores** (GB/Ire unless stated):

269	
C Montgomerie	68 70 69 62
270	
L Westwood	65 69 70 72
N Faldo	69 73 68 68
280	
M Jonzon (Swe)	72 64 75 69
I Woosnam	71 70 70 69
281	
J M Olazabal (Sp)	74 71 65 71
283	
P Lawrie	72 72 72 67
P Walton	76 69 70 68
P Harrington	71 72 71 69
P Hedblom (Swe)	72 73 66 70
D Chopra (Swe)	71 69 71 72
T Bjorn (Den)	66 70 74 73
W Westner (SA)	70 70 70 73
D Tapping	72 68 69 74
284	
D Carter	71 71 74 68
C Watts	74 69 73 68
R Rafferty	72 72 72 68
D Clarke	72 73 71 68
V Phillips	72 73 71 68
E Romero (Arg)	72 67 75 69
K Tomori (Japan)	72 69 73 70
K Eriksson (Swe)	71 71 72 70
285	
R Mantz (Neth)	70 73 71 71
E Darcy	70 71 69 75
B Lane	73 71 68 73
286	
J Rask (Swe)	76 70 72 68
M A Martin (Sp)	74 71 73 68
J Wade (Aus)	73 71 73 69
C Gibson	75 70 71 70
R Chapman	69 73 70 74
287	
D Borrego (Sp)	72 73 73 69
M Long (NZ)	76 70 72 69
N Faxth (Swe)	72 74 71 70
P O'Malley (Aus)	73 71 72 71
G Brand Jnr	73 70 70 74
D Lee	71 73 69 74
288	
R Green (Aus)	72 70 76 71
M Gronberg (Swe)	71 71 75 71
P Price	70 73 69 76
289	
P McGinley	72 73 76 69
A Forsbrand (Swe)	71 70 76 72
D Howell	71 73 73 72
D Gilford	68 75 72 74
T Johnstone (Zim)	73 70 70 76
290	
G Murphy	74 72 72 72
R Davis (Aus)	68 75 74 73
M Tomlinson	73 67 75 75
S Richardson	67 75 72 76
S Torrance	71 73 70 76
M Roe	71 73 69 77

WESTERN OPEN (Lemont, Illinois) **Third-round leaders** (US unless stated):

207	
L Roberts	70 71 66
T Woods	67 72 68
J Leonard	71 64 72
208	
S Lowery	70 72 66
J Furyk	67 74 67
F Nobilo (NZ)	71 70 67
209	
S Pate	75 67 67
D Love	72 68 69
J Delsing	71 67 71
210	
S Hoch	71 68 71
211	
J Daniel	73 69 69
A Magee	69 72 70
J Cook	73 67 71
B Andrade	70 67 74
M Bradley	69 68 74
212	
T Watson	72 72 68
M Calcavecchia	70 74 68
T Byrum	75 68 69
P Blankmar	67 74 71
L Mize	70 70 72
B Gallberger	70 69 73
J Sluman	69 69 74
M Hulbert	69 65 75

OPEN DES VOLCANS (France): **Leading final scores** (GB/Ire unless stated):

276	
M Litton	68 67 73 68
J Carrilho (Sp)	67 72 70 67

(Litton won play-off at first extra hole)

277	
O Edmond (Fr)	70 70 68 69
279	
W Bennett	71 68 71 69
D A Russell	65 71 70 73
280	
J Lawson (Fr)	69 72 73 66
281	
S Watson	68 72 72 69
M Renie (It)	68 69 71 72
P Nyman	72 69 68 72
282	
S Lahary (Fr)	73 70 71 68
O Rojales (Nor)	70 69 70 73

LAWRENCE BATLEY SIDDONS: Leading final scores (GB/Ire unless stated):

206	
A Garrido (Sp)	70 68 68
207	
R Campagnoli (It)	70 68 69
208	
M Gregson	68 72 68
D Karchicki (Can)	70 71 67

LPGA JAMIE FARR CLASSIC (Sylvania Ohio): **Third-round leaders** (US unless stated):

198	
K Robbins	67 64 67
204	
K Webb (Aus)	66 68 71
205	
V Odegard	67 71 67
M Lopez	68 66 71

Also: 212 K Marshall (GB) 72 72 68. 217 E Neuman (Swe) 71 72 73; C Pierce (GB) 75 69 71; K Davies (GB) 70 76 71. 217 A Nicholas (GB) 74 72 71.

ATHLETICS

BRITISH LEAGUE (Solihull): **Selected Division One:** 1,500m: O Dako (Sale) 10.32sec (equals Division record). 200m: R Knowles (Birchfield) 21.1. 400m: P McBurney (Newham & Essex Beagles) 46.5. 800m: J Swift-Smith (Shaftesbury Barnet) 1min 49.3sec. 1500m: M Yates (Belgrave) 3.40.7. 5,000m: P Evans (Belgrave) 13.55.5. 110m hurdles: D Greaves (Newham & Essex Beagles) 14.4. 400m hurdles: P Thompson (Birchfield) 50.9. 3,000m steeplechase: J Chaston (Belgrave) 8.42.5. 4x100m relay: Woodford Green 41.10. 4x400m relay: Birchfield 3.13.1. High jump: M Mandy (Birchfield) 2.24m. Pole vault: M Barber (Birchfield) 5.20m. Long jump: C Davidson (Newham & Essex Beagles) 7.70m. Triple jump: E Clarke (Shaftesbury Barnet) 15.75m. Shot: M Simson (Belgrave) 16.50m. Discus: R Weir (Birchfield) 61.92m (League record). Hammer: P Head (Newham & Essex Beagles) 69.90m. Javelin: M Robertson (Newham & Essex Beagles) 76.20m. **Match results:** 1 Belgrave 393pts; 2 Birchfield 282.5; 3 Pums TVH 277.5; 4 Shaftesbury Barnet 254; 5 Sale 258; 6 Newham & Essex Beagles 255; 7 Woodford Green 240; 8 Blackheath 187. **Standings after 3 matches:** 1 Belgrave 23; 2 Sale 17; 3 Puma TVH 17; 4 Newham & Essex Beagles 15; 5 Shaftesbury Barnet 13; 6 Birchfield 12; 7 Woodford Green 7; 8 Blackheath 4.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago WS 11 Boston 8; Cleveland 8 Kansas City 4; Toronto 0 Ny Yankees 8; Detroit 5 Baltimore 9; Milwaukee 2 Minnesota 1; Texas 8 Oakland 1; Anaheim 5 Seattle 4.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 9 Chicago Cubs 7; NY Mets 5 Florida 3; St Louis 3 Pittsburgh 4; Houston 2 Cincinnati 1; Montreal 3 Atlanta 6; San Diego 3 Los Angeles 7; San Francisco 2 Colorado 1.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Barcelona): **Semi-finals:** Yugoslavia 88 Greece 80. Italy 67 Russia 65. **Third and fourth places:** Russia 87, Greece 77. **5th to eight places:** Lithuania 93, Spain 84; Poland 89, Turkey 87 (ot). **Final standings 5 to 8:** 5 Spain; 6 Lithuania; 7 Poland; 8 Turkey.

BOXING

PROFESSIONAL BILLS: Glasgow: WBO Super Middleweight title: Steve Collins (Dublin) bt Craig Cummings (Kansas City) ko 3. **Casablanca WBA Junior Welterweight title: Khalid Rahilou** (Morroc. holder) bt Marty Jakubowski (US) rsf 7.

CHESS

DORTMUND GRANDMASTERS (Ger): **Round One:** V Anand (Ind) 1 V Ivanchuk (Ukr) 0; V Kramnik (Rus) 1 A Karpov (Rus) 0; A Yusupov (Ger) ½ N Short (Eng) ½; J Polgar (Hun) ½ B Gelfand (Belarus) ½; R Hubner (Ger) ½ V Topalov (Bul) ½. **Round Two:** Anand ½ Kramnik ½; Karpov 1 Yusupov 0; Short 1 Hubner 0; Topalov 0 Polgar 1; Ivanchuk 1 Gelfand 0. **Leaders:** Anand, Kramnik, Polgar, Short 1%.

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE (Rouen): **7.5km prologue time-trial:** 1 C Boardman (GB) GAN 8min 20sec; 2 J Ullrich (Ger) Telekom at 2sec; 3 Y Berzin (Rus) Batik 5; 4 T Rominger (Switz) Cofidis: 5 A Zuelle (Switz) ONCE all same time; 6 P Meinert-Nielsen (Den) US Postal 7; 7 R Sorensen (Den) Rabobank 10; 8 A Olano (Sp) Banesto st; 9 L Brochard (Fr) Festina 11; 10 C Moreau (Fr) Festina 12. **First stage** (Rouen to Forges-les-Eaux, 192km): 1 M Cipollini (It) Saeco 4hr 39min 59sec; 2 T Steels (Bel) Mapei; 3 F Moncassin (Fr) GAN; 4 E Zabel (Ger) Telekom; 5 R McEwan (Aus) Rabobank; 6 N Jalabert (Fr) Cofidis; 7 G Fraser (Can) La Mutuelle; 8 N Minali (It) Batik; 9 F Simon (Fr) GAN; 10 M Traversoni (It) Mercatone Uno all same time. **Also:** 35 Boardman : 112 M Scinzori (GB) La Francaise des Jeux, both same time. **Overall:** 1 Cipollini 4hr 48min 6sec; 2 Boardmanat 10sec; 3 Ullrich (Ger) Telekom 12; 4 Rominger 15; 5 Olano 20; 6 Steels 24; 7 S Knaven (Neth) TVM 25; 8 E Dekker (Neth) Rabobank 27; 9 O Camenzind (Switz) Mapei st; 10 F Vandenbroucke (Bel) Mapei 26.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S TELEKOM CUP (Songnam, Korea): England 1 Argentina 1; South Korea 0 Australia 4; Netherlands 3 Canada 1. **Final standings:** 1 Australia 13; 2 Netherlands 12; 3 South Korea 8; 4 England 5; 5 Argentina 4; 6 Canada 3.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONALS (Largs): Scotland 4 Wales 3; Scotland 8 Wales 2.

MOTORCYCLING

SAN MARINO GRAND PRIX (Imola, it): **500cc:** 1 M Doohan (Aus) Honda; 2 N Aoki (Japan) Honda; 3 T Aoki (Japan) *Honda; 4 C Checa (Sp) Honda; 5 T Okada* (Japan) Honda; 6 L Cadalora (It) Yamaha; 7 N Abe (Japan) Yamaha, 8 J-M Bayle (Fr) Modenas; 9 A Barros (Braz) Honda; 10 A Gobert (Aus) Suzuki. **Leading world championship standings:** 1 Doohan 195pts; 2 A Criville (Sp) Honda 102; 3 N Aoki 100; 4 Okada 89; 5 Checa 83; 6 Cadalora 69; 7 Abe 66; 8 Takuma Aoki 64; 9 Barros 55; 10 A Puig (Sp) Honda 48. **250cc:** 1 M Biaggi (It) Honda; 2 O Jacque (Fr) Honda; 3 T Ukawa (Japan) Honda; 4 R Waldmann (Ger) Honda; 5 T Harada (Japan) Aprilia; 6 M Lucchi (It) Aprilia; 7 J McWilliams (GB) Honda. **Leading world championship standings:** 1 Biaggi 136pts; 2 Waldmann 131; 3 Harada 117; 9 McWilliams 42. **125cc:** 1 V Rossi (It) Aprilia 41; 2 T Manako (Japan) Honda; 3 K Sakata (Japan) Aprilia. **Leading world championship standings:** 1 Rossi 170pts; 2 Ueda 123, 3 Manako 111. **Constructors championship standings:** 1 Honda 200pts; 2 Yamaha 92; 3 Suzuki 48; 4 Aprilia 42, 5 Modenas 31

BRITISH SUPERBIKE C'SHIP (Thruxton Circuit): **Round 9:** 1 N Mackenzie Cadburys Boost Yamaha; 2 T Rymer Kawasaki; 3 C Walker Cadburys Boost Yamaha. **Round 10:** 1 MacKenzie; 2 Rymer; 3 J Reynolds Reve Red Bull Ducati. **C'ship standings: Riders** 1 Mackenzie 183pts; 2 Walker 161; 3 Reynolds 126. **125cc British C'ship: Round 6:** 1 D Barton Honda; 2 P Owens Honda; 3 F Mendes Honda. **C'ship standings:** 1 Mendes 86; Owens 83, Barton 78. **250cc British C'ship: Round 7:** 1 J Vincent Honda; 2 S Smart Honda; 3 P Owens, Aprilia. **C'ship standings:** 1 Smart 111; 2 Vincent 85; 3 Sawford 77. **British Supersport 600 C'ship: Round Five** (17 laps): 1 P Brown Honda 23min 28.853sec; 2 P McCallen Honda 23.29.255; 3 M Edwards Honda 23.29.611. **C'ship standings:** 1 Brown 85; 2 Simpson 66; 3 Thomas 59; 4 Heat 53.

ROWING

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA GRAND CHALLENGE CUP: Final: Australian Institute of Sport bt **NSW Institute of Sport** bt Berliner RC & RC Tegel 3l. 6min 03sec.
LADIES' PLATE: Final: Nottinghamshire CRA & Oxford Brookes University bt University of Washington 1¼, 6.11.
THAMES CUP: Final: Nottingham BC 'A' bt Neptune RC 2¼, 6.16.
TEMPLE CUP: Semi-finals: Goldie BC bt University of Pennsylvania 3l, 6.28; **Imperial College & King's College** bt Cherwell BC 3l, 6.36. **Final: Goldie BC** bt Imperial College & King's College 3l, 6.17.
PRINCESS ELIZABETH CUP: Final: St Paul's School bt Canford School 2¾, 6.32.
STEWARD'S CUP: Final: Leander Club & Oxford University bt Nottinghamshire CRA 2¾, 6.47.
PRINCE PHILIP CUP: Final: Eton Vikings & Leander Club bt Nottinghamshire CRA & Newcastle University 1¾, 6.49.
PRINCESS ROYAL CUP: Final: M H Brandin bt G Batten not rowed out, 6.24.
QUEEN MOTHER CHALLENGE CUP: Final: Augusta Sculling Centre bt Queen's Tower BC & Poplar, Blackwall & District RC easily, 6.23.
VISITOR'S CUP: Final: Oxford Brookes University bt Imperial College & Charing Cross & Westminster Medical School 3¾, 6.51.
WYFOLD CUP: Final: Molesey BC 'A' bt London RC 2¾, 6.58.
BRITANNIA CUP: Final: University of London bt Hansa Hamburg 1¾, 7.03.
FAWLEY CUP: Final: Windsor Boys' School & Clarkes Court School bt Mortlake Anglian & Alpha BC & Queen Elizabeth High School 3l, 6.48.
SILVER GOBLETS & NICKALLS' CUP: Final: R Thatcher & FB Hunt-Davis bt C P Fischer & S Franke easily, 7.30.
DOUBLE SCULLS CUP: Final: M D Free & D Free bt BA Klein & R J Weaver easily, 6.56.
DIAMOND SCULLS: Final: GMP Searle bt PM Heming easily, 7.38

WATER POLO

BRITISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Walsall): **Finals:** Penguin 11 Portbello 10; Lancaster 8 Bristol Central 13; Penguin 15 Lancaster 9, Central 15 Portobello 8, Lancaster 10 Portbello 17; Penguin 7 Central 11. **Bristol Central retain title.**

The week's fixtures

TODAY

RUGBY UNION
Tour Match: US v Wales (12.0am, N Carolina).
TENNIS
Swedish Men's Open (Bastad: to July 13).
Swiss Men's Open (Gstaad; to July 13).
Hall of Fame Men's Championships (Newport, Rhode Is; to July 13).
CRICKET
AON Rink Trophy: Shenleys MCC YC v Kent. **Harrows** Middx v Leicestershire. **Northampton** Northants v Warwickshire. **Taunton** Somerset v Glamorgan.
Minor Counties C'ship (two days): **Stones:** Staffordshire v Northumberland.
ATHLETICS
IAAF Grand Prix Meet (Stockholm).

TOMORROW

RUGBY UNION
Tour Match: US Rep XV v Wales (San Francisco).
RUGBY LEAGUE
Second Division: Bramley v Lancashire Lynx (7.30).
CRICKET
Tour Match: Jesmond: Minor Counties v Australians.
Second XI C'ship (four days). **Northampton:** Northamptonshire v Essex. **AON Rink Trophy: Dunstable:** Derbyshire v Hampshire. **Worcester:** Worcestershire v Glamorgan.
Minor Counties C'ship (two days): **Fenners:** Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire. **Hartford:** Herts v Cumberland

WEDNESDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE
International Match: Scotland v France (Partick Thistle).
GOLF
Loch Lomond World Invitational (to July 12).
CRICKET
Tour Match (three days): **Shenley:** MCC v Pakistan A.
NatWest Trophy: Second round: Chelmsford: Essex v Worcestershire. **Southampton:** Hampshire v Glamorgan. **Leicester:** Leicestershire v Yorkshire. **Derby:** Derbyshire v Northants. **Uxbridge:** Middlesex v Gloucestershire. **The Oval:** Surrey v Nottinghamshire. **Hove:** Sussex v Lancashire. **Edgbaston:** Warwickshire v Somerset.
Second XI C'ship (three days): **Chesterfield:** Derbyshire v Durham. **Hastingsden:** Lancashire v Kent. **Trent Bridge:** Nottinghamshire v Surrey. **Glanvdon:** Somerset v Hampshire. **Horsham:** Sussex v Gloucestershire. **Harrogate:** Yorkshire v Middlesex.
ATHLETICS
International Meet (Linz, Aut).

THURSDAY

GOLF
Quad City Classic (Coal Valley, Illinois; to July 13).
US Women's Open (Cornelius, N Carolina; to July 13).
CRICKET
AON Rink Trophy: West Brom: Warwickshire v Minor Counties

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL
African Nations' Cup qualifiers: Group two: Algeria v Mali (Algiers). **Group three:** Egypt v Senegal (Cairo).
RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Super League: Bradford v Salford; Castleford v Oldham, Warrington v Leeds.
Second Division: Lancashire Lynx v Barrow.
TENNIS
Davis Cup (to July 13): **Euro/African zone: Group one play-off:** Ukraine v GB (Kiev). **Group two, second rounds:** Slovenia v Norway (Nova Gorica); Portugal v Yugoslavia (Maia). Poland v Ivory Coast (Bytom); Finland v Belarus (Tampere). **Play-offs:** Ireland v Greece (Dublin); Latvia v Ghana (Jurmala); Egypt v Lithuania (Cairo); Georgia v Nigeria (Tbilisi). **American zone: Group one, second round play-offs:** Argentina v Ecuador (Buenos Aires); Bahamas v Venezuela (Nassau). **Asia/Oceania zones Group one play-offs:** Uzbekistan v Japan (Tashkent).
BOWLS
World Cup Regatta (Lucerne: to July 13).

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL
African Nations' Cup qualifying rounds: Group three: Ethiopia v Morocco (Addis Ababa). **Group four:** Tunisia v Guinea (Tunis). **Group five:** Namibia v Cameroon (Windhoek).
RUGBY UNION
International Matches: Australia v England (11.0, Sydney); US v Wales (1.0, San Francisco).
Test matches: Australia v England (Sydney); Tonga v Western Samoa (Tonga).
RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Super League: Paris v Wigan (7.0).
TENNIS
Women's Fed Cup (to July 13).
World Group one: Semi-finals: Czech Republic v Netherlands (Prague); France v Belgium (Nice). **Play-offs:** Australia v Spain (Hope Island); Switzerland v Argentina (Zurich); Germany v Croatia (Frankfurt); US v Japan (Boston). **Group two play-offs:** Austria v S Africa (Portschach); S Korea v Russia (Seoul), Indonesia v Italy (Jakarta); Slovakia v Canada (Bratislava).
CRICKET
Benson and Hedges Cup final: Lord's: Kent v Surrey
Tour Match: Edinburgh: Scotland v Australia.
Other Match: Scarborough: Yorkshire v Durham.
BOXING
WBC heavyweight c'ship (Lake Tahoe, Nevada): Lennox Lewis (GB, hldr) v Henry Akinwande (GB).
FENCING
World C'ships (Cape Tn, to July 19)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL
World Cup: Asian zone qualifier: Group five: Uzbekistan v Yemen (Tashkent).
African Nations' Cup qualifiers: Group one: Ghana v Zimbabwe (Accra). **Group two:** Benin v Ivory Coast (Porto-Novo). **Group five:** Gabon v Kenya (Libreville). **Group six:** Togo v Liberia (Lome). **Group six:** Dem Rep of Congo v Tanzania (Kinshasa). **Group seven:** Mauritius v Mozambique (Port Louis); Zambia v Malawi (Lusaka).
RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Super League: Bradford v Salford (6.0); Sheffield v London (3.15); St Helens v Halifax (

Racing

Fallon error leads to Bosra Sham's eclipse

Chris Hawkins

THERE was more than a touch of irony about the victory of Michael Kinane and Pilsudski in Saturday's Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown with the odds-on Bosra Sham, given a very poor ride by Kieren Fallon, beaten into third.

Two weeks ago after Royal Ascot, Henry Cecil, trainer of Bosra Sham, had complained bitterly about Kinane and of how in his view the Irish jockey sometimes over-stepped the line between fiercely competitive riding and foul riding; and, more to the point, appeared to single out Cecil's runners for rough treatment during a race.

The rumpus goes back to the Vodafone Oaks at Epsom when Kinane, who has won the Derby and the King George in the past for Cecil, did not please the Newmarket trainer with his riding of Yashmak after apparently making life difficult for Fallon on Reams Of Verse, the hot favourite and stable companion of Yashmak.

Fallon eventually overcame various problems, most, it seemed from the stands of his own making, to win, but when Kinane got in Fallon's way a couple of times at the Royal meeting Cecil could not resist his outburst.

It must have been a particularly bitter pill for him to swallow on Saturday, therefore, when Kinane palpably outrode Fallon to beat Cecil's favourite and the horse the trainer believes is the best he has ever had in his 28 years training.

There were excuses. Willie Ryan on Benny The Dip set a funereal pace and Bosra Sham was outsprinted up the hill. But while Fallon fiddled, trying for a non-existent opening on the rail, Kinane kicked for home and had the race sewn up a furlong out. Once Pilsudski hit the front there was no way he was going to stop. He is a very high-class colt having won the the Breeders' Cup Turf over a mile and a half last autumn, and Fallon was guilty of allowing him first run.

Fallon knew the scenario looked bleak going down the back straight as Benny The Dip made the running tracked by Pilsudki.

"Drawn on the inside I had no option but to be on the rail," said Fallon. "Bosra Sham needs to be covered up and come off a fast pace, and when they went a crawl I thought Jeez unless something happens here I'm in trouble."

The trouble was exacerbated by Michael Hills on Sasuru trappping Bosra Sham in a pocket. Some observers thought Fallon might have decided before the five-runner field turned into the straight to go back and round, but he said he could not do that.

"It's typical that they will blame me and I'll have to accept it," said an aggrieved Fallon, who was a surprise choice when appointed Cecil's stable jockey for the start of the current Flat season.

Although Cecil's decision to appoint him caused more than a few raised eyebrows, the trainer thinks highly of him and no doubt the relationship will survive this particular disappointment, but this is the third time in important races (Sleepytime in the Fred Darling and Reams Of Verse in the Oaks are the other two) that Fallon has not made things as easy as he might for his mounts.

Cecil wouldn't publicly criticise Fallon yesterday when asked for his reaction to events, but was obviously referring to the jockey when he said: "Bosra Sham never had a chance in any way, she was given an impossible task. If she would have dictated it she would have won six lengths. I am not going to say who is to blame — it is obvious. I think the whole thing was appalling and if people don't have the eyes to see it, they should not go racing, but go to the theatre or something instead."

When Kinane read the criticism of himself by Cecil he said he was "disappointed rather than shocked.

"It's nonsense to say I'm singling out Cecil horses in a race," commented Kinane. "I've too much respect for the man. I like him and have had a lot of success for him. But when you are in the opposite camp you have to do the best for your particular employer. Everyone knows that, and you just have to accept it if things don't go your way."

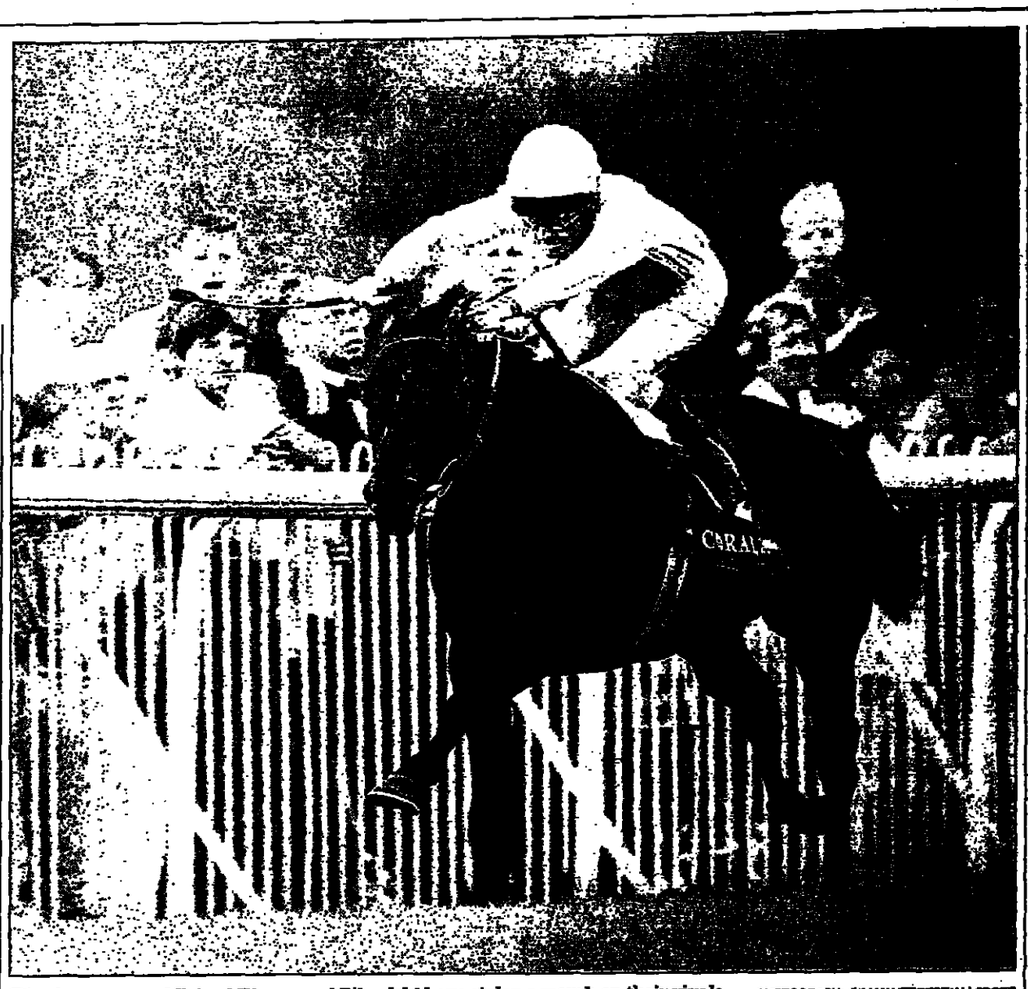
Michael Stoute has worked wonders with Pilsudski, a mere handicapper two years ago, and the decision to keep him in training has reaped handsome dividends as it has with his stable companion Singspiel.

There is a possibility the two will meet in the King George at Ascot at the end of the month although Stoute would not confirm that. "The plan is to give him one more summer race, but we don't know what it will be yet, and then put him away for the autumn," he said.

Benny The Dip rallied to pip Bosra Sham for second giving every indication that he is a genuine mile-and-a-half horse, but he will stick to ten furlongs for the time being, and go for the International Stakes at York next month.

John Gosden, his trainer, was more than pleased with his performance: "He's upheld the three-year-olds although the form took a bit of a knock in the Irish Derby. I'm glad he didn't go there. As regards a mile and a half I'd like to run him over the trip in the Breeders' Cup at Hollywood Park where I think the three-turns track will really suit him."

Bosra Sham may now face a rematch with Benny The Dip. Cecil was considering a step up to a mile and a half for the daughter of Woodman in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on July 26, but he said the Knavesmire is now the more likely option.



Winning run .... Michael Kinane and Pilsudski have stolen a march on their rivals PHOTOGRAPH: JULIAN HERBERT/ALLSPORT

Bath with form guide

	CHRIS HAWKINS	TOP FORM
2.00	Rose Of Glenn	Rose Of Glenn
2.30	Dantzig	Dantzig
3.00	Go For Salt	Anak-Nik
3.30	Night Flyer	Hill Magic
4.00	Lady Of The Lake	Lady Of The Lake
4.30	Baby Abbott	Gwestaff
5.00	Desert Beauty	Imperial Scholar (nap)

Left-handed track of just over 1½m with sharp turns and 4f run-in which rises all the way to the finish.
Separate reversing for races over 5f & 5f 161yds
Going: Good. ★ Denotes blinkers.
Draw: High numbers an advantage.
Long distance travellers: Peppercorn Pete (2.00) & Charter (4.00), W Storey, Co. Durham, 265 miles; Scottish (4.30), N Tinkler, N Yorks, 236 miles; Iaai (5.00) A C Stewart, Suffolk, 157 miles; Desert Scholar (2.00), B Hanbury, Suffolk, 157 miles; Artsky (2.30), N Gask, Suffolk, 157 miles; Mariel (2.30), J Gosden, Suffolk, 157 miles; Imperial Scholar (5.00), J Gosden, Suffolk, 157 miles; Fortune Hopper (2.00), J Pearce, Suffolk, 157 miles; Dangerous (5.00), L Cumani, Suffolk, 157 miles; Desert Beauty (5.00) & Go For Salt (3.00), M R Stoute, Suffolk, 157 miles; Le Grand Glacier (4.00), R Williams, Suffolk, 157 miles; Tightrope (3.30), M Prescott, Suffolk, 157 miles.
Seven day winners: None.
Fourteen day winners: None. Weekend: None.
Figures in brackets after horse's name denote days since last outing. J.Jumps

2.00 KNOCKDOWN SELLING HANDICAP
1m 5f 122yds £2,374 (13 declared)

1 (3)	050005	Barrow Lad (IRE) (B) (b) M Hoadle 5-9-10		B Doyle (7) ★ 88
2 (5)	40133	Rose Of Glenn (IRE) (CD) B Hanbury 5-9-5		C Lowther (3) 86
3 (4)	0030	Perfume Flopper (IRE) (B) J Pearce 3-8-9		C Hodgson 82
4 (6)	00-536	Mirabilis (IRE) M Blair 3-8-7		J Tate 84
5 (8)	600001	Private Matters (IRE) D Haydn 5-9-1		K Darley 78
6 (7)	360-53	Regal Chorus (IRE) (B) L Williams 5-9-0		R Perham 77
7 (12)	600-000	Dance Sensation (IRE) B Hanbury 3-8-13		J Quinn 76
8 (9)	000307	Perfect Bertie (IRE) M Tompkins 5-9-13		R Hughes (3) 90
9 (2)	02-000	Lucky Bounty (IRE) J Hanlon 4-9-10		D O'Donohoe (3) 84
10 (11)	0-00	Inchcailloch (IRE) A P Jones 4-9-7		S Whitworth 79
11 (10)	005	Peppercorn Pete (IRE) W Storey 5-9-7		A Whelan (3) —
12 (13)	0060-5	Excellent Art (IRE) M Channon 5-9-7		T Quinn 86
13 (1)	0-0000	Ballerina Bay (IRE) J Bridger 4-9-7		R Price 82

Betting: 11-4 Rose Of Glenn, 5-1 Barrow Lad, Fragrant Flame, 6-1 Forbes Hopper, Royal Chorus, 8-1 Peculiar, 12-1 Dance Sensation.

Form guide: - Barrow Lad: Held up, headway 3f out, one paced final 2f, 3rd of 11. 6l behind Salmanazar at Bath 2m 1f soft heavy, 6th. Rose Of Glenn: Chased leaders, ridden and every chance over 2f out, kept on one pace. 3rd of 10, 8l behind Bandanna at Nottingham 2m class, 6th. Perfume Flopper: Headway over 3f out, weakened over 1f out. 4th of 10, 33l behind Captain Flint at Pontefract 1m 4f 3y soft heavy, firm. Private Matters: Chased leaders, ran out under pressure 1f out, bad stable horse, best at 5f. Dance Sensation: Held up, 2nd of 13, 2l behind Dancing Roger (both 3y), Beyond Glamour, Mid Summer, 2nd of 14, 4l behind Wingmaster at Lingfield (soft) 1m 5f 63yds to Feb. Excellent Move over hurdles, 5th of 11, 12l behind Salmanazar at Bath 2m 1f soft heavy, 6th. Breath: Always behind. 10th of 12, 30l behind Macsalsa at Brighton 1m 4f soft heavy, Fm.

2.30 LIMPLEY STOKE MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 1) 3YO
1m 2f 46yds £3,556 (11 declared)

1 (3)	4	Avignon (IRE) R Hannon 9-0		Dean McKeown —
2 (10)		Bailey's Diamond A Alexander 9-0		T Quinn —
3 (5)	20	Bramcote (IRE) R Charlton 9-0		T Sprake 68
4 (8)	2-0	Dancing Sioux (IRE) Lady Herries 9-0		R Cochrane 84
5 (9)		Lindos D Chappell 9-0		W Ryan —
6 (1)	0-	Mistreal (IRE) J Gosden 9-0		R Hills 85
7 (4)		Mother Sheila Mrs A Pucell 9-0		Paul Eddery —
8 (2)	6	Wendy's Boy (IRE) M Haynes-Ellis 9-0		S Drowne —
9 (11)	64	Artsky (IRE) N Gask 9-0		K Fallon —
10 (6)		Miss Matilda B Hills 8-9		R Carter —
11 (7)		Magnolias M Salaman 8-9		S Whitworth —

Betting: 3-1 Dancing Sioux, 9-2 Avignon, Artsky, 11-2 Dancing Sioux, 7-1 Daisy's Mascot, Mariel, 8-1 Miss Matilda, 12-1 Mother Sheila.

Form guide: - Avignon: Started slowly, headway 4f out, weakened over 3f out, last of 4, 16l behind Rhapsody in White at Brighton 1m soft heavy, Fm. Bailey's Diamond: Always pulling out of Kitty's Princess. Dancing Sioux: Always behind, 7th of 8, 37l behind Hannah at Goodwood 1m 2f mdn aucs, Gd.

3.00 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP
1m 2f 46yds £3,761 (10 declared)

1 (2)	0001-0	Pilot (IRE) (B) B Meehan 4-10-0		S Drowne (7) 89
2 (4)	100211	Anak-Nik (IRE) (B) Sky Helicopters 4-9-7		R Winnick (5) ★ 86
3 (3)	320505	Rampart (IRE) (B) P Evans 7-9-6		J F Egan 85
4 (5)	2-34	Go For Salt (IRE) M Stoute 3-9-1		K Fallon 92
5 (8)	0-1000	Star Of Wagg (IRE) M Haynes-Ellis 4-8-11		S Drowne 81
6 (7)	1-0020	Ashkore (IRE) (B) D Haydn Jones 6-8-8		A Mackay 78
7 (9)	213-45	Theatrelover (IRE) (B) (BF) C Horgan 5-8-7		Paul Eddery 80
8 (6)	00-120	Mill Prince Silver (IRE) (B) (BF) M W Easterby 4-8-6		A Garth 85
9 (10)	102252	Tidbinbilla Silver (IRE) M Tompkins 5-8-5		L Dettori 85
10 (1)	00-601	Mohammed (IRE) (B) A Balcombe 7-7-13		Martin Dwyer (3) 84

Betting: 5-2 Anak-Nik, 4-1 Go For Salt, 13-2 Rampart, Theatrelover, 8-1 Ashkore, 10-1 Pilot, Hill Farm Blues, Fabulous Mode.

Form guide: - Anak-Nik: Made all, held on well, was at Ripon 1m 2f slw (S) of 4, 4l behind Catherston Boy, a shtd Beverley. Dropped over 2f out, rallied under pressure 2f out, stayed on. 3rd of 6, 43l behind Kathryn's Pet at Chester 1m 4f firm, 20s. Go For Salt: Chased leaders, led over 1m out till under 1f out, stays woodland, 1m 1.3l by Cyrano Of Light at Lingfield, 1m 2f Listed, Sft. Ashkore: Reared twice, away Chepstow over 2f out, soon ridden, and eventually quickly last of 6, 40l behind Principal Boy at Hamilton 1m 1f firm, Gd. Theatrelover: Led 5f, ridden over 2f out, unable to quicken, 3rd of 10, 3l behind Strike Ace Ripon at Stockton 1m firm, Gd. Hill Prince Silver: Slowly away, headway after 3f, burst ridden after 2f, soon lacked pace behind Twilight Sleep, Wolverhampton (aw), 1m 4f claimer. Mohammed: Headway well over 2f out, led briefly pst, was str. upsd at Bath 1m class hcap, Gd, beating Jona Honey by a nk.

3.30 EBF EVERSHOT MAIDEN STAKES 2YO
5f 161yds £3,604 (15 declared)

1 (2)		Ashdown B Meehan 8-0		M Tebbutt —
2 (10)	5	Cinnamon (IRE) S Dow 8-0		D O'Donohoe (3) —
3 (7)		Dollypops B Hills 8-0		M Hills —
4 (15)	2	Hill Magic (IRE) D Elsworth 8-0		R Cochrane ★ 90
5 (6)		J Grind For You R Hannon 8-0		Paul Eddery —
6 (12)	3	Night Flyer (IRE) J Hills 9-0		A Clark 86
7 (8)		Tightrope Sir M Prescott 9-0		M Henry (3) —
8 (13)		Tobougg Star J Bridger 8-0		R Price —
9 (14)	600	Alhandra (IRE) B Palling 8-0		D Harrison 82
11 (16)	6	Alpha Melody (IRE) I Balding 8-0		L Dettori 82
12 (11)	60	Aunt Sadie (IRE) R Charlton 8-0		T Sprake 83
13 (9)		Bella-Ha Hamilton J Pearce 8-0		S Drowne —
14 (5)		Brown Lady (IRE) M Channon 8-0		R Perham 84
15 (16)	0	Prohibiting (IRE) J Dunlop 8-0		G Carter —

Betting: 2-1 Hill Magic, 7-2 Night Flyer, 8-1 Alpha Melody, 7-1 Aunt Sadie, 10-1 Defiance, I Cried For You, Prohibiting.

Form guide: - Defiance: Weanling colt out of Princess Athena, half brother to Waypoint, a winner over 6f & 7f. Hill Magic: Slowly into stride, headway over 2f out, every chance over 1f out, ran on, 2nd of 8, 3l behind Madjaroun at Newmarket 6f 2y soft. Gd-Sft. Night Flyer: Chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, stayed on inside final furlong, 3rd of 11, 3l behind Bold Fact at Goodwood 6f 2y soft, Gd-Fm. Alpha Melody: Dwelt, headway over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, weakened final furlong, 5th of 7 at Windsor 5f 3y mdn, Gd. Aunt Sadie: Mid-division, effort over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 6th of 8, 5l behind Cedre Pearl at Goodwood 1m 4f hcap, Gd. Desert Beauty: Pulled, 4th of 5, well behind Kyle Finss at Chester 1m 3f Listed, Sft.

4.00 ACTON TURVILLE MAIDEN HANDICAP
2m 1f 34yds £3,511 (7 declared)

1 (2)	000004	Charter (IRE) W Storey 5-10-0		S Carter 68
2 (3)	600-40	Northern Breeze (IRE) (BF) N Babbage 4-9-9		* Fallon 84
3 (5)	40-205	Lady of The Lake (IRE) J Dunlop 3-8-1		Pat Eddery 69
4 (6)	500-46	Golden Melody (IRE) M Haynes-Ellis 3-8-5		S Drowne ★ 78
5 (1)	-00452	Le Grand Glacier (IRE) R Williams 3-8-4		G Duffield 84
6 (4)	0-0000	Oscar Rose (IRE) M Bolton 4-7-10		R Pilbeam (5) —
7 (7)	60-000	Showcase (IRE) J Hills 3-7-10		M Henry (3) —

Betting: 6-4 Lady Of The Lake, 4-1 Le Grand Glacier, 9-2 Charter, Golden Melody, 7-1 Northern Breeze, 12-1 Showcase, 25-1 Oscar Rose.

Form guide: - Charter: Headway 4f out, hung left 2f out, not quicken, 4th of 10, 6l behind Ambergis at Doncaster 1m 7f heavy, Gd-Sft. Lady Of The Lake: Raced over 5f out, never nearer. 5th of 7, 6l behind Shalaamaan at Salisbury 1m 4f heavy, Fm. Le Grand Glacier: Prominent, chased winner final 5f, ridden over 2f out, one pace, 2nd of 6, 5l behind Dark Wishes at Lingfield (aw) 2m mdn.

4.30 SALTFORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
5f £2,176 (16 declared)

1 (15)	001211	Gwestaff (IRE) (B) N Tinkler 4-10-0		P Fredericks (3) ★ 90
2 (9)	-02209	Alnaba Street (IRE) (B) P Evans 4-9-10		S Hannan (5) ★ 86
3 (13)	30-050	Miss 'n Shine (IRE) C Dore 3-9-6		D Williams (5) 86
4 (12)	-00304	Alnita Beauty (IRE) (B) J Hetts 3-9-3		P Bradley (3) 84
5 (7)	0206-5	Ashdownsunny (IRE) (B) N Berry 5-9-13		Kerry Baker (3) 83
6 (4)	010-00	Pazzara (IRE) (B) J Spearing 4-9-12		S Righton (3) 78
7 (16)	040000	Sicily (IRE) J Spearing 5-9-10		P Clarke (3) 80
8 (14)	100056	Astral Jennifer (B) (B) M Brandon 5-9-9		Angela Gallimore (3) 81
9 (11)	461540	Bright Paragon (IRE) (B) K Ivory 5-9-7		S Carson (5) 81
10 (11)	030205	Chief's Lady (IRE) J Bradley 5-9-5		J Bradley (3) 81
11 (8)	40000-	Monkey Up (IRE) T Powell 4-8-8		R Cody-Boutcher (3) 80
12 (6)	000-00	Dancing Jack (IRE) (B) J Bridger 4-8-6		P Doe (3) —
13 (5)	540200	Debach (IRE) (B) D Bridge Jones 6-8-4		Joshua Richards (10) ★ —
14 (3)	00-002	Baba Alhadi (IRE) R Hodges 4-8-4		R Price (3) 78
15 (10)	55600-	Tawney Tempest (IRE) (B) R Peacock 6-8-3		S Bridgwood (5) —
16 (2)	-00000	Mister Jones (IRE) J Bradley 4-7-10		J-P Fowle (5) ★ —

Betting: 2-1 Gwestaff, 6-1 Idaho Ready, Bright Paragon, 7-1 Chief's Lady, Baba Alhadi, 8-1 Debach, 10-1 Astral Jennifer.

Form guide: - Gwestaff: Always prominent, led over 2f out, ridden out, won at Southwell (aw) 5f hcap, beating Stolen Kiss by a hd. Alnaba Street: Led 1f, hard driven over 2f out, soon beaten, 6th of 12, 7l behind Desert Jeweller at Wolverhampton (aw) 6f hcap. Idaho Ready: Always prominent, ran out one pace final 2f, 4th of 14, 8l behind Willow Dale at Windsor 5f hcap, Gd-Sft. Astronomic: Never nearer, 6th of 10, 4l behind Sungsbest at Windsor 5f Stakes, Gd-Fm. Bright Paragon: Chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 9, 4l behind Barnstock at Lingfield 5f hcap, Gd.

5.00 LIMPLEY STOKE MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 2) 3YO
1m 2f 46yds £3,534 (10 declared)

1 (7)	07	Abbey Dancer (B) M Salaman 8-9		S Carson (7) —
2 (8)	0	Dancycat (IRE) L Cumani 9-0		R Price (3) —
3 (1)		Dunblane Chorus Mrs A Perrett 8-9		A Clark —
4 (6)	0-	Dwell Boat (IRE) D Barnett 9-0		V Slattery —
5 (10)		Hollowstreet (IRE) M Bolton 9-0		G Duffield —
6 (3)	34	Jaggery (IRE) Lord Huntingdon 9-0		D Harrison 88
7 (4)	5-6336	Jazz King (IRE) A Stewart 9-0		R Hills 88
8 (5)	0-4	Desert Beauty (IRE) M Stoute 8-9		J Quinn 88
9 (9)	2-5502	Imperial Scholar (IRE) (BF) J Eustace 8-9		S Drowne (3) 90
10 (2)	0-	Shaadika (IRE) M Channon 8-9		R Perham —

Betting: 3-1 Juggler, 4-1 Isaac, 5-1 Desert Beauty, Imperial Scholar, 7-1 Zaaptzer, 8-1 Devilish Charm, 14-1 Abbey Dancer, Dwell Boat, Hollowstreet, Shaadika.

Form guide: - Dancycat: Started slowly, always well behind, last of 8, 44l behind Nawaadi (aw) 5f hcap, heading Stolen Kiss by 4 lngs. Dunblane Chorus: Never dangerous, last of 9, well behind Blood Reputation at Goodwood 1m 1f 3y soft, Gd-Sft. Jaggery: Headway on inside 2f out, every chance 1f out, weakened near finish, 4th of 13, 3l behind Arctic Owl at Windsor 1m 2f mdn aucs, Gd. Isaac: Always prominent, every chance over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 6th of 8, 5l behind Cedre Pearl at Goodwood 1m 4f hcap, Gd. Desert Beauty: Pulled, 4th of 5, well behind Kyle Finss at Chester 1m 3f Listed, Sft.

Trainer watch

Horses having their first run for a new trainer today — Bath: 2.00 Gunner B, S R Bowring to J Niewille & Royal Circus, P R Webber to I P Williams
Musselburgh: 2.45 Flash of Realm, A B MacTaggart to P Monteith; 3.15 Mystique Smile, S C Williams to J S Goldie.
Ripon: 7.00 Dualstar Beauty, W A O'Gorman to Miss L C Siddall; 7.55 Fancy A Fortune, J Pearce to D Nicholls; 9.25 Serious Account, H R A Cecil to J L Eyre.
Windsor: 8.40 Ron's Round Wind, K O Cunningham-Brown to C A Dwyer

Musselburgh runners and riders

	TONY PALEY	TOP FORM
2.15	Cumbrian Cadet	Charlies Lad
2.45	Salmeston	Early Peace
3.15	Lillibella	Lillibella
3.45	Kilcsmartyra Girl	Philgem
4.15	Broctune Gold	Broctune Gold
4.45	Dee Pee Tee Cee	The Barnsley Belle

Right-handed, oval track of almost 1¾m with sharp turns and 4f run-in Straight 5f.
Going: Good ★ Denotes blinkers.
Draw: High numbers an advantage in races up to 1m.
Long distance travellers: Bobby's Dream (2.45) & Mirror Four Lile (4.15), M H Tompkins, Newmarket, Suffolk, 350 miles; Charlies Lad (2.15), R Guest, Newmarket, Suffolk, 350 miles; Salmeston (2.45), S C Williams, Newmarket, Suffolk, 350 miles; Bashful Brave (3.15), B Baugh, Staffs., 287 miles; Southern Dominion (3.15) & Lady Silk (4.15), Miss J Craze, N Yorks, 198 miles.
Seven day winners: 4.45 Dee Pee Tee Cee.
Blinkered first time: 2.45 Early Peace & 3.45 Philgem. Visored: 3.15 Bashful Brave.

2.15 EBF PRESTONPANS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES 2YO
5f £2,916 (8 declared)

1 (7)	32	Charlies Lad (56) (BF) R Guest 9-0	P Bloomfield
2 (5)	0354	Cumbrian Cadet (17) (BF) T Easterby 9-0	J Carroll ★
3 (4)	226	Tangerine Flyer (19) (BF) J Berry 9-0	K Darley
4 (1)	0	Wentworth Wizard (17) M Dods 9-0	Dale Gibson
5 (3)	03	Chikapenny (25) Mrs L Stubbs 8-9	J Weaver ★
6 (6)		Escombes J Eyre 8-9	R Lappin
7 (8)	50	Mill End Guest (24) M W Easterby 8-9	T Lucas
8 (2)	000005	Ngaere Princess (21) W Kemp 8-9	P Fessey (3) ★

Betting: 2-1 Cumbrian Cadet, 5-2 Charlies Lad, 3-1 Tangerine Flyer, 9-2 Chikapenny, 12-1 Mill End Guest, 16-1 Escombes, 25-1 Wentworth Wizard, 50-1 Ngaere Princess.

2.45 ASA INTERNATIONAL SELLING HANDICAP
2m £2,472 (9 declared)

1 (3)	605-53	Early Peace (7) M Dods 5-9-10	J Weaver ★
2 (7)	62-447	Flash Of Realm (IRE2) P Monteith 11-9-9	O Pears (3)
3 (9)	0000-1	Salmeston (3) (D) S C Williams 5-9-3	J Carroll
4 (1)	-00424	Zamberaner (4) (D) W Storey 6-9-1	J Fanning
5 (5)	000452	Sastal Bar (16) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-11	K Darley
6 (8)	2-1140	Josh (JE) (D) J Parkes 7-8-8	S Sanders
7 (4)	536-10	Bobby's Dream (14) M Tompkins 5-8-5	D Biggs
8 (6)	46-09	Cezzar's Future (JE2) J J O'Neill 4-8-5	M Fenton ★
9 (2)	500-49	Valiant Dash (12) J Goldie 11-7-10	P Fessey (3)

Betting: 6-4 Salmeston, 9-2 Zamberaner, 5-1 Early Peace, 6-1 Sastal Bar, 8-1 Bobby's Dream, 12-1 Flash Of Realm, 14-1 Josh, Cezzar's Future, 25-1 Valiant Dash.

3.15 LE GARCON D'OR HANDICAP
5f £3,079 (17 declared)

1 (2)	1[illegible]-3	Sense Of Priority (25) (D) D Nicholls 8-9-11	Alex Greaves
2 (11)	651-02	Bashful Brave (33) (D) R Bough 6-9-6	P Roberts (5) ★
3 (16)	600-43	Blazing Imp (14) (CD) Mrs J Jordan 4-9-5	M Fenton
4 (3)	0-8601	Littlebella (27) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-4	O Pears (3)
5 (14)	0[illegible]0	Formatin (7) (CD) J Berry 3-9-3	K Darley ★
6 (15)	550305	Kalar (16) (D) D Chapman 8-9-2	A Culhane ★
7 (1)	000000	Mayotara (13) N Doyle 4-9-1	Dale Gibson
8 (13)	000 00	Sky Fox Lad. (9) (CD) D Nolan 5-9-0	V Soames
9 (8)	4[illegible]	Rasselyahan (33) (D) A Mulholland 5-9-0	M Kennedy
10 (4)	3[illegible]	Fullians (6) (CD) D Nolan 3-8-13	K Steel (5) ★
11 (17)	0[illegible]	Sunset Harbour (13) (D) S Suthland 4-8-13	S Parkin (5)
12 (10)	0[illegible]	Southern Dominion (14) (CD) Mrs J Craze 5-8-12	S Webster ★
13 (15)	-[illegible]0	Good To Talk (3) T Easterby 4-8-11	J Carroll ★
14 (12)	0[illegible]	Rocky Taylor (37) Miss L Perratt 4-8-8	J Weaver
15 (9)	0[illegible]	Skytrax Smile (22) (D) J Goldie 4-8-7	P Fessey (3)
16 (18)	0[illegible]	Young Ben (30) J Weymes 5-8-4	R Lappin ★
17 (13)	000 01	Lord Cornelius (37) D Nolan 4-7-10	M Pollard (7)

Betting: 7-2 Lindrick, 17-2 Sense Of Priority, Blazing Imp, 8-1 Bashful Brave, Kalar, Sunset Harbour, Good To Talk, Rocky Taylor, 10-1 Skytrax Smile, 12-1 Young Ben, Lord Cornelius.

3.45 ASA INTERNATIONAL FILLIES' HANDICAP
1m 4f £2,819 (6 declared)

1 (4)	-5[illegible]	Est A Lite (15) J O'Reilly 4-9-10	J Carroll
2 (3)	31[illegible]	Dunrowan (21) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-5	A Culhane
3 (1)	0[illegible]	Ragtime Cowgirl (12) (C) (D) D Nolan 4-8-13	K Steel (5)
4 (5)	4[illegible]	Portfin Sophie (45) N Gaskin 6-8-12	J Weaver
5 (2)	0[illegible]	Kilcsmartyra Girl (7) (D) J Parkes 7-8-12	G Bardwell
6 (6)	1-	Philgem (6) C Farhurst 4-8-5	M Kennedy ★

Betting: 11-4 Philgem, 5-2 Kilcsmartyra Girl, 9-2 Ragtime Cowgirl, Portfin Sophie, 8-1 Dunrowan, 25-1 Est A Lite.

4.15 EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL CLAIMING STAKES
7f 30yds £2,868 (7 declared)

1 (4)	252013	Broctune Gold (7) (CD) (BF) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-10		A Culhane
2 (6)	124043	Zambia Oscar (29) D Nicholls 4-9-3		Alex Greaves ★
3 (2)	050003	Fleiketer (11) M Dods 4-8-1		J Carroll ★
4 (1)	25-406	Move Speedily (11) (D) Mrs L Stubbs 7-9-1		P Roberts (5) ★
5 (3)	000030	Lady Silk (9) Miss J Craze 5-8-12		S Webster
6 (5)	04-409	Xtonic (20) P Monteith 4-9-11		R Winston (7)
7 (7)	5100-0	Mirror Four Lile (51) (D) M Tompkins 3-8-8		D Biggs

Betting: Even Broctune Gold, 5-2 Double Oscar, 7-1 Fleiketer, 8-1 Lady Silk, Mirror Four Lile, 12-1 Move Speedily, 33-1 Xtonic.

4.45 MILL HILL HANDICAP
1m £3,030 (12 declared)

1 (5)	010111	Doc Pee Tee Cee (2) (BB sq) (D) M W Easterby 3-8-13	T Lucas
2 (2)	344310	Xaos Alhawa (11) (D) D Chapman 4-8-12	A Culhane
3 (3)	352202	Ramrobo (14) C Fairhurst 3-8-6	T Siddall (7)
4 (4)	042001	Mahusha (19) (D) J Berry 3-8-2	T E Dascon (5)
5 (11)	06-130	Rokeskarft (17) D Nicholls 4-8-2	Alex Greaves
6 (10)	003300	Sandora (6) J Goldie 7-8-0	P Fessey (3)
7 (6)	310002	The Barnsley Belle (9) J Eyre 4-8-12	M Gallagher
8 (8)	004055	Terrace (6) (BB) Miss L Perratt 4-8-4	M Kennedy
9 (1)	600000	King Chestnut (14) (C) (D) M Dods 6-7-13	Dale Gibson
10 (7)	0-0000	Mystic Times (2) S Mactaggart 4-7-13	K Steel (5)
11 (9)	056000	Bagazzo (25) J Wainwright 7-7-12	R Winston (7) ★
12 (12)	000-00	Champion d'Avenir (12) Miss L Perratt 3-7-10	J McAuley (7)

Betting: 5-2 Doc Pee Tee Cee, 4-1 The Barnsley Belle, 11-2 Rokeskarft, 13-2 Xaos Alhawa, Ramrobo, 8-1 Rokeskarft, Terrace.

8.10 SUNLEY MAIDEN STAKES 2YO
5f £3,436 (13 declared)

401 (6)		0 Pilgrave (61) C Dwyer 9-0		W Ryan
402 (5)		Sunley Lad (IRE) M Johnston 9-0		K Darley
403 (12)		3 Lucille (IRE) M Pipe 8-9		T E McLaughlin
404 (2)		2 Loch Laird (IRE) M Hodgkinson 9-0		J Tate
405 (11)		Nicholas L Cottrell 9-0		D Holland
406 (13)		Pippas Pride M Fetherston-Godley 9-0		D Harrison
407 (3)		Tees Lord Huntingdon 9-0		L Dettori
408 (8)		Reiki H Hamilton 8-9		C Rutter
409 (7)	4	Centre Court (IRE) R Hannon 8-9		Pat Eddery
410 (9)		Nalgonda D Chappell 8-9		A Clark
411 (7)		Little Fizz S Mellon 8-9		M Tebbutt
412 (4)		Sweepower Lady W Musson 8-9		K Fallon
413 (10)		Wallflower M Prescott 8-9		G Duffield

Betting: 11-4 Tees, 4-1 Loch Laird, 5-1 Centre Court, 6-1 Lucille, 7-1 Wallflower, 10-1 Glamorgan, Little Fizz.

8.40 ROYAL WINDSOR HANDICAP 3YO
5f 217yds £3,046 (21 declared)

601 (3)	0-03	Bedda Revenge (29) D Chappell 8-7		A Clark
602 (12)	113000	V I P Charlie (21) (D) (BF) J Jenkins 8-7		S Whitworth
603 (15)	221000	Bargain Hunter (7) (D) J Berry 8-5		W Carlisle
604 (8)	352000	Tidbinbilla Jazz (28) B Meehan 8-4		N Carlisle
605 (10)	020050	Heavenly Miss (24) (D) J Bridger 9-0		R Cochrane
606 (9)	123-00	Royal Blackbird (48) J Eustace 8-0		C Lowther (7)
607 (17)	400020	Never Self Change (9) T Naughton 8-13		D Holland
608 (14)	0-00	Polmaida (14) A Hide 8-11		A McGlone
609 (7)	631310	Superida (14) (CD) W Storey 8-10		J Weaver
610 (6)	540421	Bold Fact (IRE) (D) W Hern 8-9		J Williams (7)
611 (14)	214420	Will To Win (17) (D) (BF) P Murphy 8-6		S Drowne
612 (15)	0-0000	Indonesian (21) W Musson 8-4		N Doyle
613 (16)	0-0000	Chakua (13) S Dow 8-3		J F Egan

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Cycling

Cipollini escapes before pile-up

The Italian steals a march and the yellow jersey. William Fotheringham reports from Forges

CHRIS BOARDMAN made no attempt during yesterday's 120-mile stage from Rouen to defend the *maillot jaune* which he won in Saturday's prologue time-trial, while Italy's Mario Cipollini did his utmost to relieve him of it and succeeded with his usual brio.

Prologue time-trials are Boardman's predilection but sprints are Cipollini's speciality. Attempting to hold off the Italian would have wasted valuable energy which the Wirral rider will need if he is to achieve his objective of riding consistently and possibly taking a place in the first 10.

Even before the start yesterday Boardman's Gan team were more interested in winning the stage through their sprinter Frédéric Moncassin. As in all the early stages, time bonuses — seconds deducted from a rider's overall time — were on offer for the intermediate sprints and the finish and Cipollini had halved his 18-second deficit on Boardman by the time he sighted the finish line, at the foot of a fast descent into this little spa town. No rider in the *peloton* has a better sense of occasion, and he timed his effort perfectly to take the stage and yellow jersey.

"There was never going to be any way that I was going to be able to take on Cipollini," said Boardman afterwards. "But I achieved my main objective and stayed out of trouble."

In this he did better than most of the *peloton*, including last year's winner Bjarne Riis. The Dane was livid at losing a minute after he was caught in a mass pile-up close to the finish, which delayed three-quarters of the 198-rider bunch.

Chutes are the biggest risk at the stage of the race when the bunch has not *thinned out, and all the* riders have sufficient energy to fight for position at the front. Usually they occur at the back, where traffic islands and corners cannot be seen.

Yesterday's crash happened close to the front of the bunch on a slight *descent through a right-hand* bend. An unidentified rider touched the wheel of the *man in front, lost control* and fell. Others piled into him, blocking the road almost instantly. Riis was among those able to stop but left waiting for the blockage to clear.

At the front the sprinters and their teams of *domestiques* were setting a furious *pace and, with the finish* within eight miles, the men who were held up or *knocked down had no* chance of seeing them again. As the race entered the final kilometre among those driving the remnants of the bunch was Riis' team-mate Jan Ullrich, who did not know his leader had been left behind, and was working for the team *sprinter Erik Zabel.*

However, the 23-year old German had shown he was *fitter than his leader at* least over the short prologue course, when he finished 12 seconds faster than Riis and was within three seconds of beating Boardman, and he added a minute to this yesterday. For all his protestations of team loyalty, Ullrich has gained the upper hand on Riis.

Predictably the accident-prone Swiss Alex Zülle was among the many who hit the tarmac. He had defied medical logic to take fifth on Saturday 13 days after breaking his collarbone but he told a team-mate that he *feared he had repeated the* fracture yesterday.

Others who lost time included Luc Leblanc, sixth last year, and another man of the mountains, Spain's Fernando Escartin. Riis was the biggest loser, though: last year he stayed out of trouble throughout.

The damage to a rider's morale in such an incident is as important as the time and skin lost: yesterday's pile-up is likely to have a greater bearing on the outcome than Boardman's and Cipollini's displays of short-distance speed.

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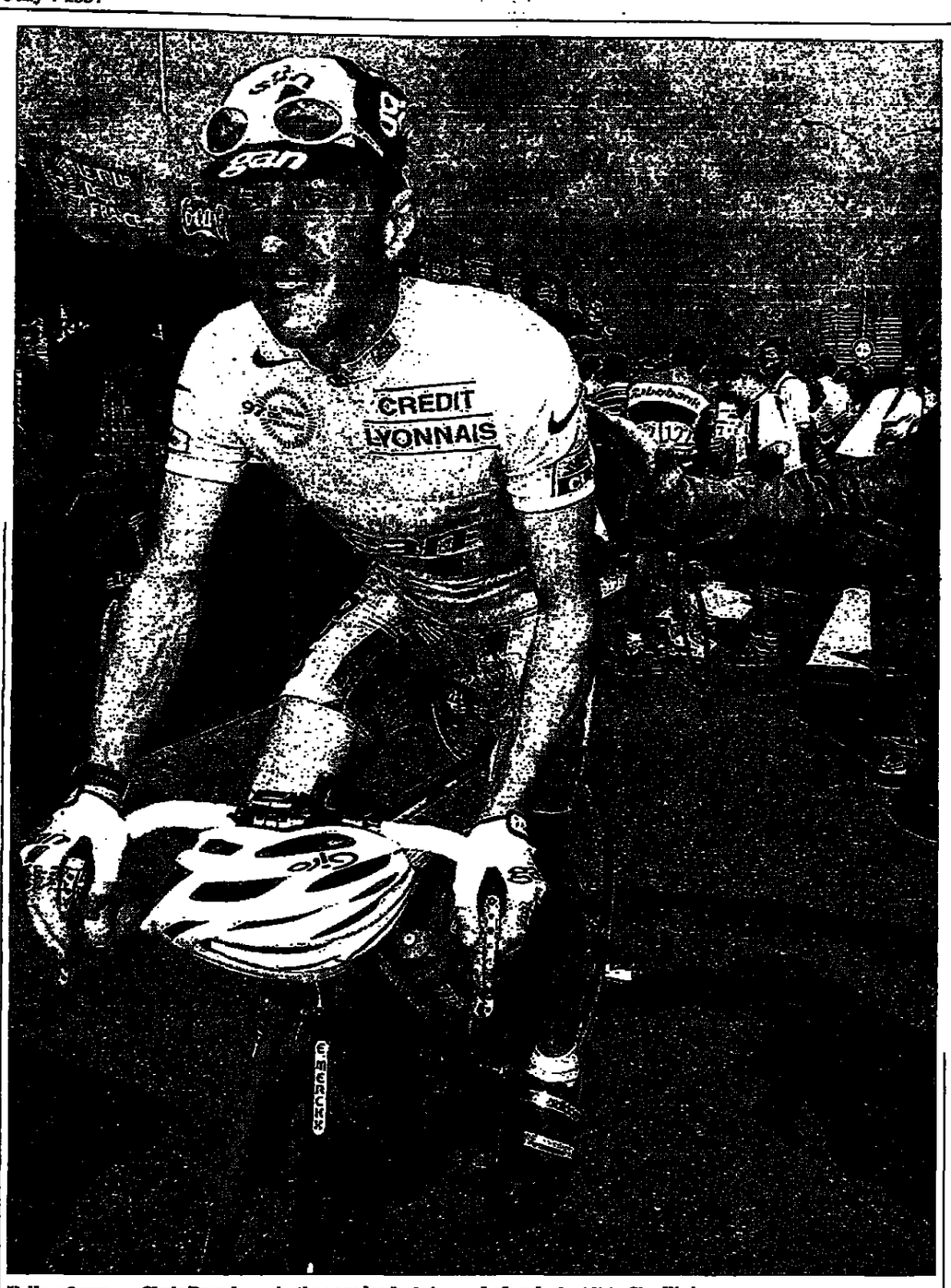
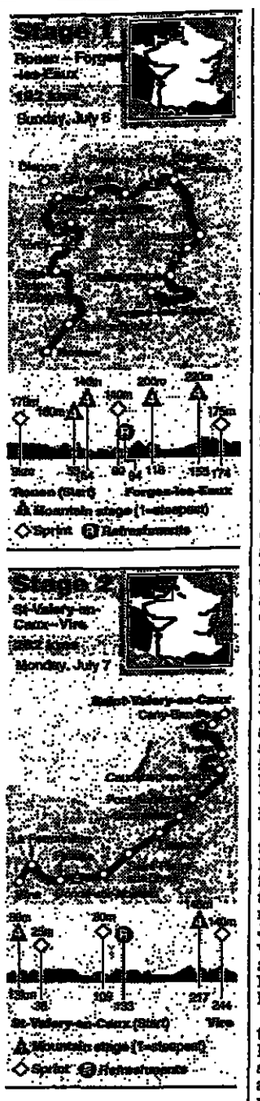


Yellow fever . . . Chris Boardman in the race leader's jersey before he lost it to Cipollini PHOTOGRAPH: PATRICK KOVARIK



Golf

Monty gives no Lee way

David Davies at Druids Glen

COLIN Montgomerie, who has known crushing disappointment himself this season, inflicted some of the same yesterday on Lee Westwood when he demolished the young Englishman in the final round of the Irish Open here near Dublin.

The Scot, who lost the US Open to Ernie Els three weeks ago, broke the course record with a nine-under-par 62 while Westwood laboured away to a 72 that was good enough, just, to finish second.

It was Montgomerie's second win of the season, following his victory at Slaley Hall in Northumberland a month ago, and it puts him in with a very good chance of another record, a fifth successive European No. 1 title. The £113,636 he won here takes him to second place in the Volvo rankings, £86,554 behind Ian Woosnam.

Westwood is getting used to these setbacks. This year he has been in contention to win five times and so far has lost to Montgomerie twice, Woosnam, Bernhard Langer and Jose Maria Olazabal, all world-class players. They are, however, people he has to learn to beat if he is to fulfil his obvious promise.

With Westwood leading by three shots overnight it was hard to know at the time the *significance of his three putts* at the 1st which, combined with Montgomerie's 10-footer for a birdie, produced an instant two-stroke swing.

Montgomerie holed from eight feet at the 3rd, an enticingly short par-four, and then at the long 5th, having just made the carry to the green in *two, sank an important 25-*foot eagle putt. Westwood duly got his birdie, but that only meant that he remained level with his opponent, both now being nine under par.

A wonderful seven-iron tee shot at the 8th to four feet gave Montgomerie another birdie, one which seemed to have been cancelled out when Westwood all but hit the pin at the 9th. It gave him a birdie all right, but the Scot, who had pitched past the pin and spun back to six feet, also holed. He had gone to the turn in a five-under-par 30 and edged a stroke ahead of Westwood at 11 under.

Westwood decided to use strength and length to counteract Montgomerie's relentless accuracy. He tried to draw his ball round the huge oak that grows in the dog-leg of the 10th, but instead clattered into it.

That was a bogey, but there was still the long 11th to come, almost a routine birdie for the longer hitters. Westwood went for a big one but came off the ball a little and it curved away into the gorse bushes on the right. He had to drop out under penalty and, although he rescued his par, Montgomerie was on the green in two and two-putted for his birdie. In 12 holes he had turned Westwood's three-stroke lead into a three-stroke deficit.

Olazabal, lying third after 12 holes, double-bogeyed the 13th and the 15th. It would be unimportant, but for the fact that he needs all the Ryder Cup points he can get. The £23,863 he won takes him above Paul Broadhurst and *into 10th position in the* points list.

On the same theme Nick Faldo birdied three of his last five holes to move into the spot vacated by Olazabal, third, and win £42,672. It will help, but he is still not in the top 20.

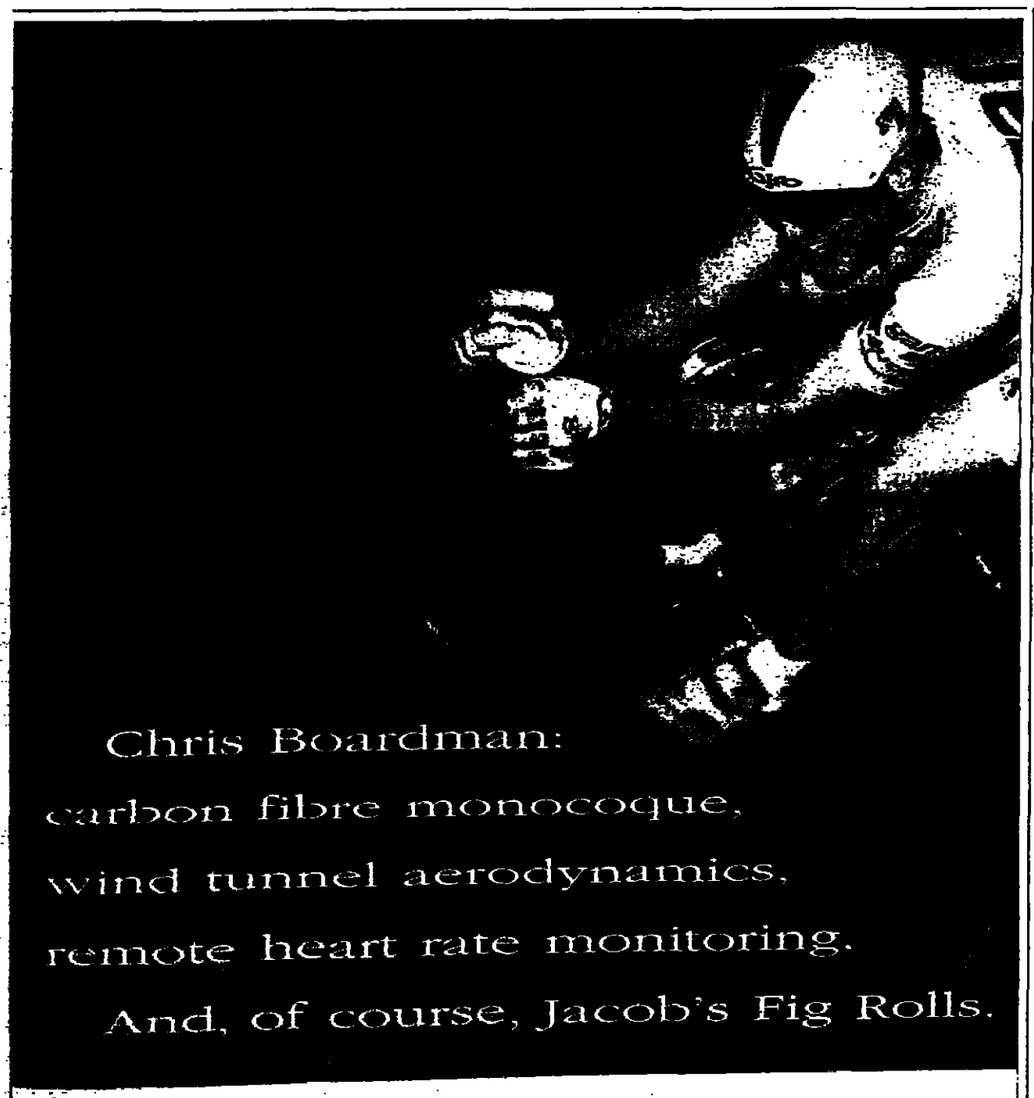
Faldo maintained concentration despite an interruption *when his caddie Fanny* Sunesson struck her head on an advertising hoarding en route to the 4th tee and blacked out briefly. After medical attention, she resumed.

Woods in form for the Open

TIGER WOODS, back to his best form, sank a lengthy birdie putt to tie for the three-round lead at the Western Open in Illinois. "I didn't know if it had enough energy to get there," he said of an 18-footer that rounded off a four-under-par 68.

*Woods's finish left the Mas*ters champion tied with his fellow-Americans Loren Roberts (66) and Justin Leonard (72) at nine under on 207. The leading trio were one stroke ahead of two more Americans, Steve Lowery and Jim Furyk, and the New Zealander Frank Nobilo.

"I made some big par putts today," said the 21-year-old *Woods, who has found his* form again in perfect time for next week's British Open.



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Rugby League

Super League: St Helens 20, Bradford Bulls 38

Bulls five points from title

Paul Fitzpatrick

BRADFORD Bulls' 16th straight victory of the season was completed with the assurance and vitality that have characterised so much of their play and the Super League crown will now almost certainly leave St Helens for Odsal Stadium. Bradford now need only five points from their remaining six matches to ensure their first league title since 1981.

It was barely a contest last night and Bradford, urged on ceaselessly by their massive away support, were by far the superior force. They had dangerous players in all part of the pitch but James Lowes and Graeme Bradley were *particularly impressive.*

Bradford, making dangerous yards on every tackle, scored with ease after only four minutes when Lowes went over. Saints could lay the blame on Keiron Cunningham losing the ball. Lowes then punished some poor defence again just before half-time to score his second try, one that needed ratifying by the video referee, and Steve McNamara's second goal gave the Bulls a commanding 20–8 lead.

Saints' first try was cleverly made and executed, Sean Long finishing off a forceful break by Andy Haigh in the eighth minute. It appeared they had got a second in the 20th minute when Anthony Sullivan intercepted Lowes' careless pass and raced clear from close to his own line.

It was so much wasted effort, however. Sullivan had already been ruled offside and the disappointment was heightened when Andy Hodgson finished off a move involving Paul Loughlin, Brian *McDermott and McNamara.*

Matt Calland then went over from Bradley's pass but Saints produced a timely try from Danny Arnold, after Scott Barrow and Karle Hammond had carved out the opening. But the good work was wasted as Lowes went past some half-hearted tackles.

There was a suspicion of a knock-on in the build up to Bradford's next try, from Calland, but the Bulls were in no need of good fortune as they began to draw remorselessly clear. Lowes, overshadowing his opposite hooker Cunningham, was on hand to send in Peacock in the 61st minute and five minutes later there was a try for the Australian stand-off Bradley.

Saints were not entirely finished and Arnold got his second try after a move that recalled the old, dashing St Helens and Joey Hayes was then awarded a penalty try when he was obstructed by Sonny Nickle. But Bradford were out of reach.

St Helens: Haigh; Arnold, Hunte, Newlove, Sullivan; Long, Barrow; Leatham, Cunningham, O'Neill, Joynt, Matautia, Hammond. **Substitutes:** Hayes, Pickavance, Morley, Paul Anderson.
Bradford Bulls: Spruce; Calland, Peacock, Loughlin, Hodgson; Bradley, Tomlinson; McDermott, Lowes, Reiser. Forshaw, Dwyer, McNamara. **Substitutes:** Graham, Nickle, Jowitt, Paul B Anderson.
Referee: S Cummings (Widnes).

Gibson leads the Rhinos' brave charge

A BRACE of tries from the Australian Damian Gibson helped Leeds Rhinos regain second place in the Super League with a 34–18 win over Salford Reds at Headingley.

Gibson's touchdowns came in a seven-minute spell in the first half and put the Rhinos in control. Other tries from Marvin Golden, Graham Holroyd and Phil Hussan sealed the Rhinos' win over a spirited Reds outfit, for whom Steve Blakeley scored a try and kicked three goals.

Struggling Halifax Blue Sox went down to their second narrow defeat of the week at Warrington Wolves. Blue Sox, who lost out to a last-minute goal at Leeds on Wednesday, were beaten 25–22 at Wilderspool despite a determined fightback.

Warrington had taken a 24–0 lead in as many minutes thanks to tries by Lee Penny, Salesi Finau, Jon Roper and Tony Tapapu.

But the visitors fought back, trailing by just 12 points at the interval after tries by Fereti Tuilagi and Martin Moana. Another try by Tuilagi and a Michael Jackson touchdown closed the gap to two points, but a Lee Briers drop goal 10 minutes from time gave Warrington their first win in 10 games.

Mark Aston's first-half drop goal proved crucial as Sheffield Eagles beat Oldham Bears 21–20 at Hyde to scramble closer to safety. Sheffield dominated the first half thanks to a fine display from their hooker Darren Turner, who set up a try for Rod Doyle and then went over himself.

Oldham fought back, with Paul Atcheson adding two tries, but the visitors were always in charge and Walsale Sovatabua's 66th-minute try gave the Eagles the breathing space they needed for victory.

Castleford Tigers, meanwhile, boosted their chances of Super League survival with Saturday's 20–8 win over Paris St-Germain at the Charlety Stadium.

Hull Sharks clinched the First Division championship and promotion with a 31–18 victory over their title rivals Huddersfield at the McAlpine Stadium.

Rowing

Redgrave complains of Henley 'let-down'

Christopher Dodd at Henley

STEVE REDGRAVE, Britain's four-times Olympic champion, yesterday complained that the Henley Royal Regatta is failing to attract quality competitors.

The regatta has become known more for its place in the British social calendar *than as a leading* international event and Redgrave said: "I'm disappointed with the regatta as a whole." The number of crews entered in his coxless fours event — two — had been "a let-down".

Redgrave earned a 16th regatta medal when he teamed up with his Olympic partner *Matthew Pinsent for* an easy victory in the Stewards' Cup against a much lighter Notts County.

When the Nottingham lightweights put in a spurt along the enclosures, Redgrave, James Cracknell, Tim Foster and Pinsent allowed them to catch up before streaking away again at an incredible 50 strokes to the minute.

In the Grand Challenge Cup, the blue-riband eights event, a cracking Australian eight recovered from a small crab to beat Berliner Tegel by three lengths.

Notts County may have *been outclassed in the Stew*ards' but in the Ladies' Plate their lightweight eight beat the University of Washington's previously undefeated heavyweights by a foot after a stroke-for-stroke battle to the finish. There was more Nottinghamshire success when Nottingham Boat Club won *the Thames Cup from* Neptune of Dublin.

Greg Searle and Peter Haining contested the first all-British Diamond Sculls final since Redgrave beat Tim Crooks in 1983. Haining had reached his first final by beating four heavier men but when all other things are equal a good heavyweight will beat a good lightweight and his tactical experience was of little use against the Molesey man.

Maria Brandin won her fourth women's single sculls but the verdict of "not rowed out" against Guin Batten of Thames RC hid a titanic struggle in which Batten repeatedly attacked until she stopped just before the mile and paddled home.

The coxless pair of Bobbie Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis easily beat the Hamburg veterans Claus Fischer and Sebastian Franke in the Goblets while the Double Sculls produced another victory for "giants" over lightweights when Markus and Duncan Free from Australia beat the Americans Barry Klein and Ransom Weaver.

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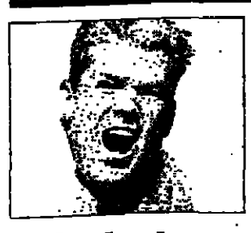

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Wimbledon

Sampras serves vintage fare

'To have 10 Grand Slams, it makes me feel 12 is realistic, that I can break the record'
Pete Sampras

'When Pete plays like that he doesn't let you breathe'
Cedric Pioline

'To have won it four times is great. To be put in the same sentence as Rod Laver is something special'
Sampras

'It's very difficult against Pete. He serves so big that it puts all the pressure on my serve'
Pioline

'I would not swap any Wimbledon titles for one French. This is the special one'
Sampras

Sealed with a kiss . . . Pete Sampras plants a smacker on the trophy after winning his fourth Wimbledon singles title yesterday with a 6–4, 6–2, 6–4 demolition of Cedric Pioline PHOTOGRAPH: DAVE CAULKIN

Pioline swept aside as American wins his fourth All England title

Stephen Bierley sees the world No. 1 play to his ranking with a peerless performance

RATIONING was in force the last time a Frenchman appeared in the Wimbledon men's singles final, Yvon Petra winning the title in the grey austerity of 1946. Cedric Pioline had hoped to emulate his fellow countryman yesterday but Pete Sampras imposed his own strict quota, winning his fourth title on Centre Court by 6–4, 6–2, 6–4 in 1hr 34min of implacably controlled dominance.

This was the 25-year-old American's 10th Grand slam victory, placing him fourth overall with Bill Tilden of the United States — one behind Rod Laver of Australia and Sweden's Bjorn Borg and two short of another Australian, Roy Emerson. His fourth Wimbledon title in five years equalled Laver's total and, of the modern winners, places him one short of Borg.

This was vintage Sampras; not a trace of self-doubt or a hint of weakness. The only time he became a fraction tentative was while serving in the third set at 4-3. His right arm tightened a little as the trophy glinted on the near horizon. At deuce he double-faulted for the first time since his quarter-final victory over Boris Becker.

And how the Centre Court cheered, attempting to rouse the subdued Pioline for one huge and final effort to extend the match and perhaps take a set off the world's undoubted No. 1. The opportunity was there but Pioline mishit a forehand and as quickly as the chance arose it disappeared. Two more serves and the two-game gap had been reinstated; one more service game and the title belonged to Sampras.

"For me it all boils down to just four tournaments a year," he said. "I just love winning the major championships and if I stay fit and happy I believe I can beat Emerson's record."

Few would doubt him. He has now won his last three Grand Slams in straight sets. He usually has at least one awkward match per tournament but clearly peaks for the finals to such an extent that his opponents are rapidly demoralised. Here it was Petr Korda, the Monte Carlo-based Czech, who extended Sampras to five sets in the fourth round, although even then the left-hander's resistance served to sharpen the American's backhand. Pioline tried to attack it yesterday and was given short shrift.

Sampras's one current regret — apart from having to play too much tennis — is that he does not have a constant rival, particularly now that Andre Agassi has turned his back on the game. For Sampras the real final here was against Becker, who after his quarter-final defeat announced that this would be his last Wimbledon. There are only between a dozen and 20 players in the men's game who are genuinely comfortable on grass, and none can compare with Sampras at yesterday's exalted level.

Sampras will always be open to criticism about his bland off-court personality, but he is rarely anything less than affable and it is his tennis that people pay to watch. Yet such is his unbending excellence, hinging on what must be the best serve in the modern game, that some even view his style of play in a critical light. This is totally unreasonable. The fault is not in Sampras but in the grass.

Pioline, who lost the 1993 US Open final 6–4, 6–4, 6–3 to Sampras in the Frenchman's only other major final, must have feared what was coming — and when it did there was precious little he could do.

Above all Pioline needed a good start, an *hors d'oeuvre* that would zing off the palate and carry promise of an extended feast. But he double-faulted immediately, which felt akin to sitting down in a French restaurant and being served a meal from the microwave.

The Frenchman, his nerves as raw as those of his quarter-final opponent Greg Rusedski, managed to cling on to that opening service game but then lost his second, the American clinching the game with a scintillating backhand which seared down the line. One break was enough, as it was in the final set. In all Pioline won just 16 points on the Sampras serve.

It was obviously disappointing as Pioline had won a quite marvellous semi-final against Germany's Michael Stich, the 1991 champion, by virtue of a peacock's tail of vivid returns. Sampras's serve was simply too powerful and varied to permit a second helping. Just occasionally Pioline's backhand flashed a potent reminder of happier days, one in the second set being the hardest-struck shot of the final. But this was only a tiny glint of the Frenchman's unquestionable talent; the rest was hidden by Sampras's massive shadow.

On one occasion Cyclops, the electronic device that measures the length of a serve, went off with no ball in play. It was as if the ghost of Yvon Petra had suddenly strayed on to Centre Court to offer Pioline encouragement.

In truth it needed a malevolent poltergeist to strike Sampras's right arm numb in order to save him, although Pioline could perhaps comfort himself that nobody else in the original draw, seeded or unseeded, would have done much better.

Pioline vs Sampras: match statistics

Pioline		Sampras
13	Aces	17
1	Double faults	2
59	Percentage first serves in	59
2	Forehand winners	5
6	Backhand winners	7
7	Volley winners	9
4	Passing winners	4
3	Return winners	6
39	Percentage returns in	60
1	Break points	8
0	Break points won	4

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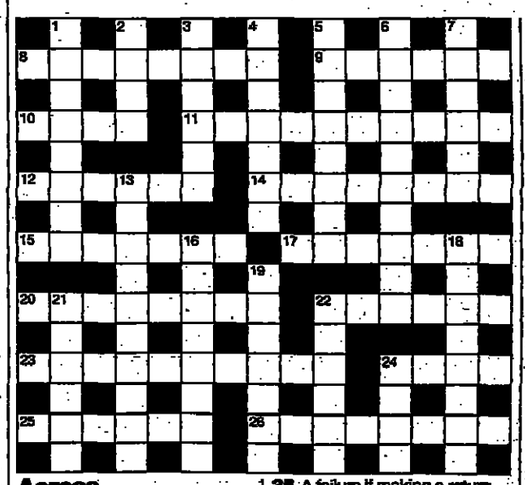
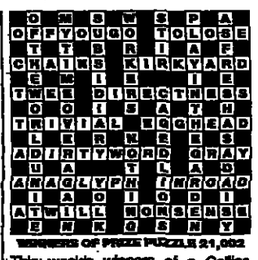


Across

8 Irregularity in sleep a disadvantage (8)
9 Gloss over (6)
10 Matters of give and take between our betters (4)
11 Cold food consumed like a baby (10)
12 Building fast (6)
14 The worst type of underground heating (8)
15 Crew observed in cutter (7)
17 One doctor needs one bed —drunk! (7)
20 Company puts out cornet composition for orchestra and soloists (8)
22 A site for a roadway (6)
23 Overtime payments for barmen (10)
24 Examination of the mouth? (4)
25 A failure if making a return as a company (6)
26 I need to think, and I want to look (3,2,3)

Down

1 Vetted an order, causing relative bitterness (8)
2 Show animals (4)
3 The never ending round (6)
4 Safety beacon seen when he bails out (7)
5 One working half the time on tick? (8)
6 What old legs have for sack sewing? (4,2,4)
7 Old copper fruit-knife? (6)
13 Casts bread out, gets ham instead! (3,7)
16 A foundation garment is retired on showing wear (8)
18 Taught to be literate (8)
19 New look for a composer (7)
21 In opera Eugene shows singular spirit (6)
22 When companies provide capital (6)
24 About finished (4)



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